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# FORBIDDEN WORLDS

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Deadly PERIL LOOMS  
OUT OF THE PAST IN  
AN AMAZING STORY! IN  
THIS ISSUE...  
"WHERE the REDSKINS  
never FELL!"

ARE WE...  
DREAMING? THIS  
IS 1956... AMERICA  
... AND HOSTILE  
INDIANS!







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**TONY PASCARELLA**

**BEFORE**

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**AFTER**

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"I PUT 3 NEW INCHES OF ROCK-LIKE MUSCLE ON EACH ARM!"

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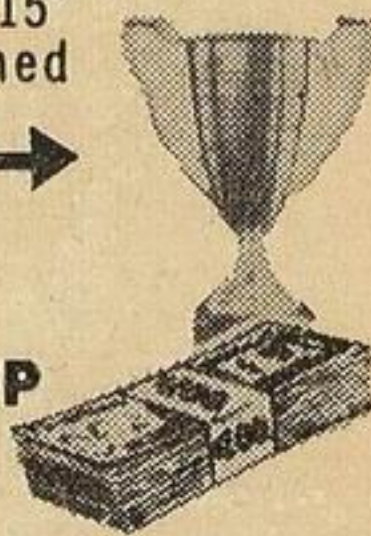
**YES!** You'll **ADD INCHES** of shapely **MUSCLES** to your skinny **ARMS** and **CHEST**... see your fat melt away to a **HARD, SOLID** body in fighting trim. Your **BACK** and **SHOULDERS** broadened. From head to heels you'll gain in **LOOKS, SIZE, STAMINA, SEX APPEAL**... you'll be "top kick" in **SPORTS, BUSINESS**, in anything you tackle!

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"I gained 60 lbs. of muscles."

**1**

says John Sill

**HOW TO MOLD A MIGHTY CHEST**

By GEORGE F. JOWETT

"I added 7 inches to my CHEST 3 inches to each ARM,"

says Jobie Jackson

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**HOW TO MOLD A MIGHTY BACK**

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**SPECIAL!** IF YOU ACT AT **ONCE**, I will **ALSO** send **FREE** a **BIG** thrilling book of **PHOTOS** of strong men and boys I have changed from unhappy **WEAKLINGS** into happy, vigorous **HE-MEN**.

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**HOW TO MOLD MIGHTY LEGS**

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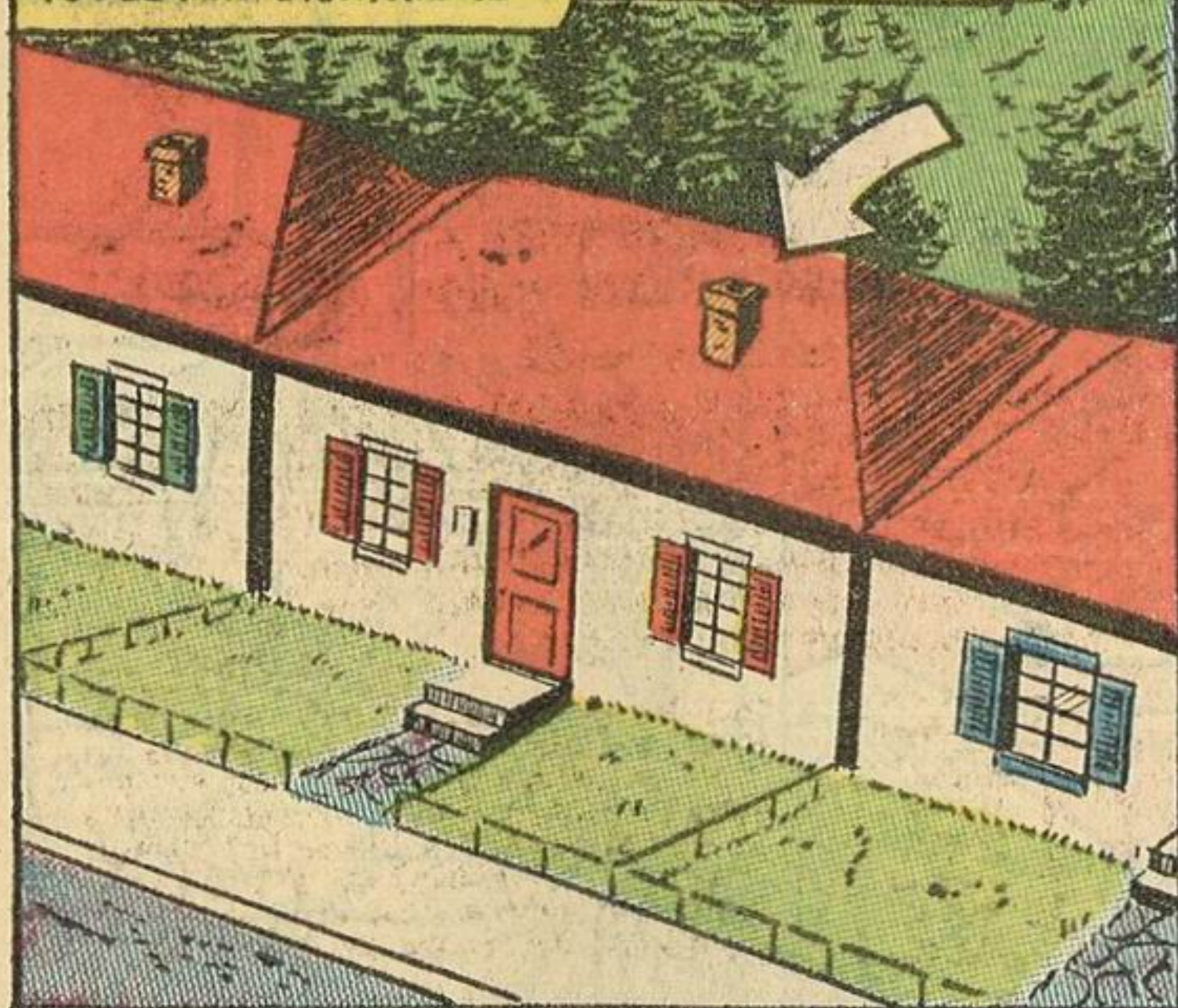


EVER WISH YOU HAD THE POWER OF LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE? WELL...DON'T WISH TOO HARD! FIRST READ THE STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED TO ARTHUR N. POLLINS, AND LEARN THE DANGERS WHICH CONFRONTED...

# The MAN WHO KNEW TOMORROW!



YOU WOULDN'T THINK THAT THE STRANGEST STORY YOU EVER READ COULD START HERE...IN A HOUSE JUST LIKE A THOUSAND OTHERS...A REALTY DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS YOU'LL FIND EVERYWHERE...



BUT THIS IS THE VERY SPOT WHERE OUR PLOT UNFOLDS! STEP RIGHT INSIDE, AND LET'S MEET ARTHUR N. POLLINS, AS AVERAGE A GUY AS YOU'LL EVER KNOW! SOUNDS LIKE HIS COMPLAINT IS PRETTY AVERAGE, TOO!

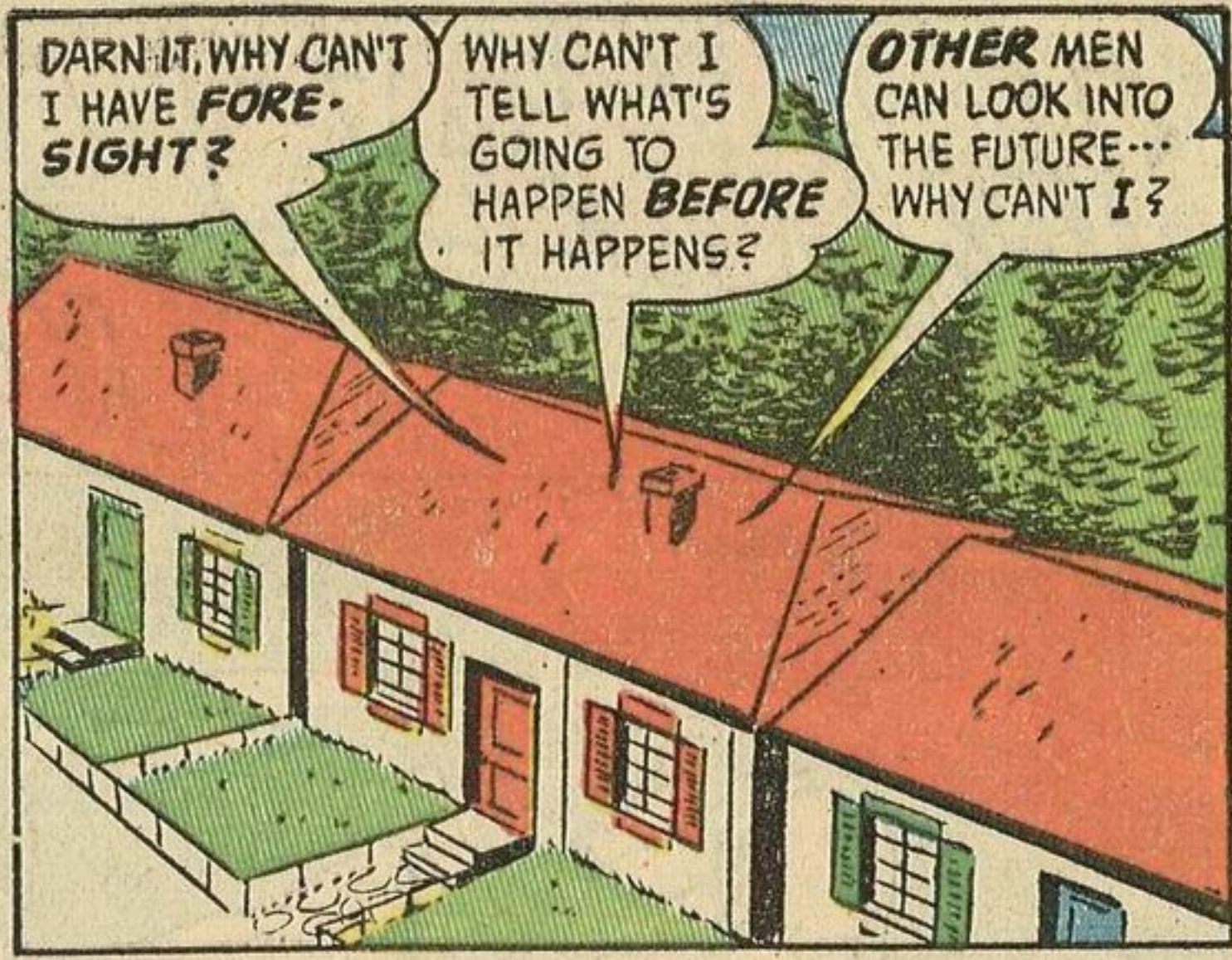
LOOK AT **SMITH**...INVESTS IN A PLAY AND BECOMES A MILLIONAIRE OVERNIGHT! AND **JONES**...BUYS A LITTLE PIECE OF LAND AND GETS RICH WHEN THEY PUT A ROAD THROUGH IT! IT HAPPENS TO OTHERS...BUT NEVER TO ME!







WHY DON'T I HAVE LUCK, LIKE THEY DO? WHY DON'T THINGS BREAK RIGHT FOR **ME**? WHY MUST I ALWAYS BE THE ONE WHO LOSES OUT?



DARN IT, WHY CAN'T I HAVE **FORE-SIGHT**?

WHY CAN'T I TELL WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN **BEFORE** IT HAPPENS?

**OTHER MEN** CAN LOOK INTO THE FUTURE... WHY CAN'T I?

IT WASN'T ONLY ARTHUR'S NEIGHBORS WHO HEARD HIM! ON A CLOUD JUST OVER OLYMPUS, THE GODS WERE HAVING A PRETTY TOUGH TIME, TOO!



I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S IN STORE FOR ME, THAT'S ALL!

I'M NOT A PIG... I'M NOT ASKING TO LOOK **WAY** INTO THE FUTURE!

IF ONLY I HAD THE POWER TO LOOK **ONE DAY AHEAD**, AND SEE WHAT TOMORROW WOULD BRING!

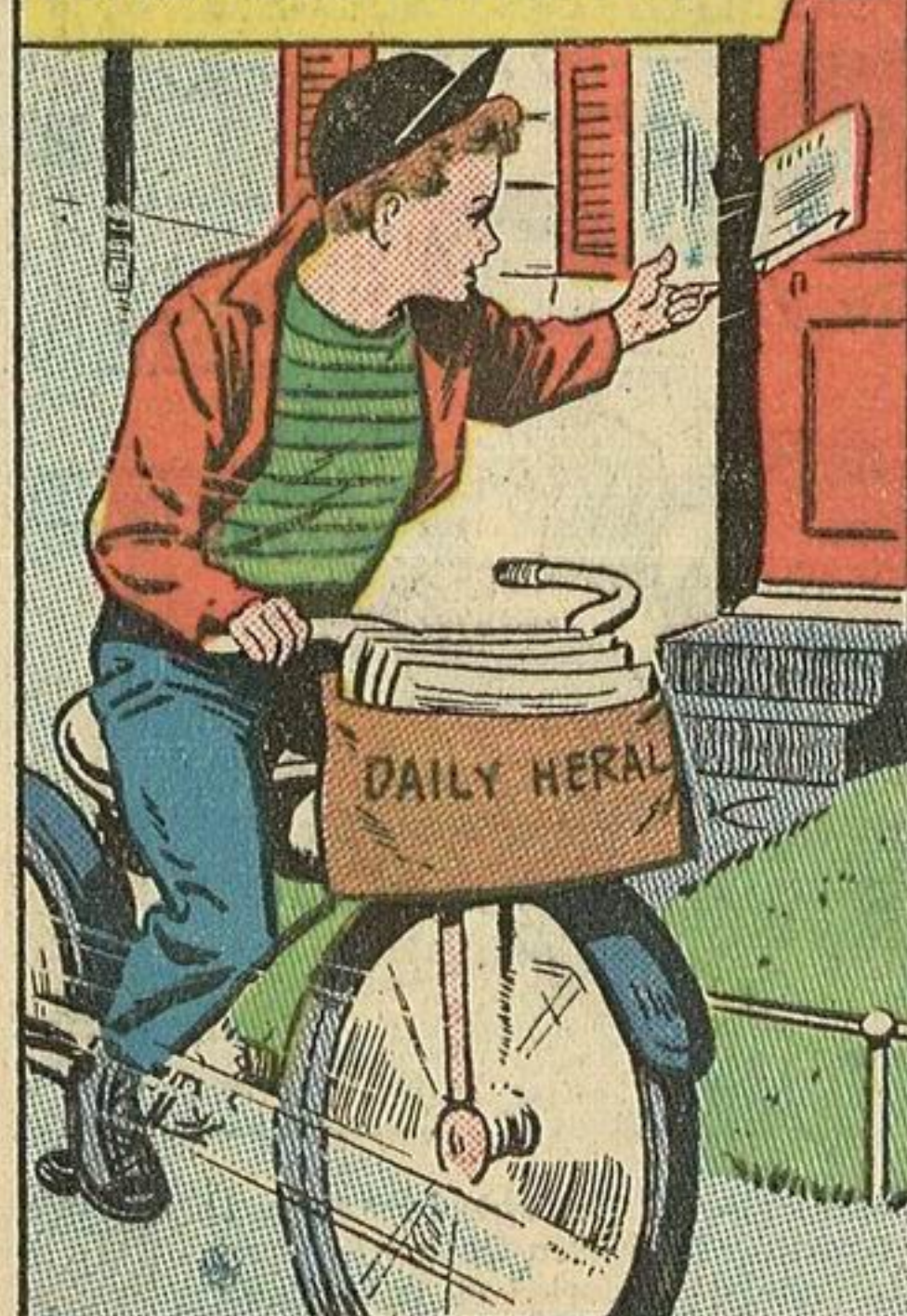
I'VE HAD **ENOUGH** OF THIS! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING BEFORE WE **ALL** GO CRAZY!



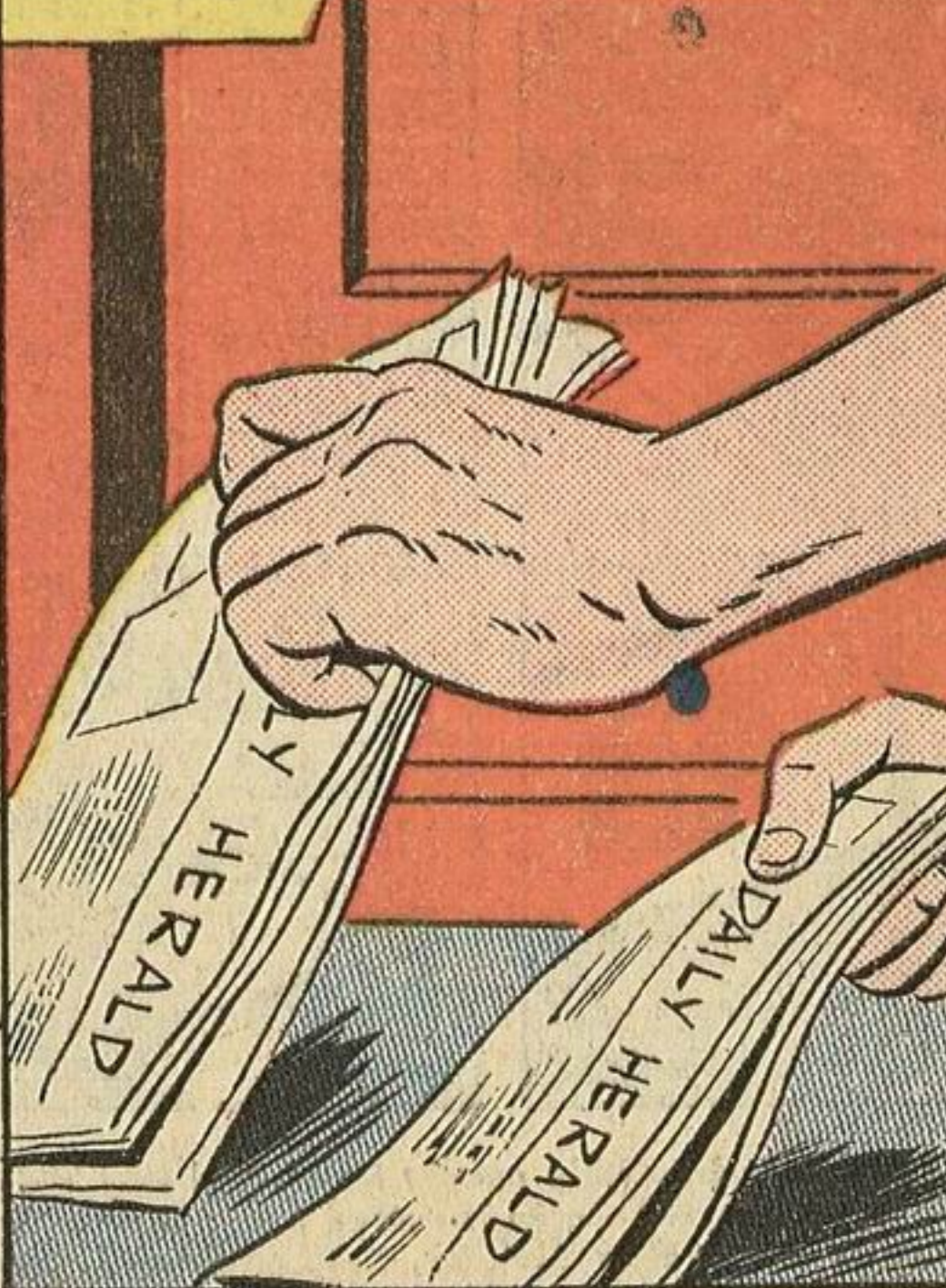
BUT... BUT WHAT **CAN** YOU DO, ZEUS?

**QUIET!**... LISTEN, HERMES, WHILE I GIVE YOU YOUR INSTRUCTIONS...

NEXT MORNING WAS A MORNING JUST LIKE ANY OTHER... WITH THE NEWS DELIVERY BOY MAKING HIS EARLY ROUNDS...



BUT AT THE DOORWAY OF ARTHUR N. POLLINS' HOUSE, SOMETHING **DIFFERENT** WAS HAPPENING...







MEANWHILE...INSIDE...  
CONGRATULATIONS...  
DON'T YOU REMEMBER  
WHAT DAY THIS IS?  
IT'S MAY 16TH  
...YOUR BIRTHDAY!

IT'D BE A  
REAL BIRTH-  
DAY IF I GOT  
MY WISH...LOOK-  
ING INTO THE FUTURE,  
I MEAN! OH, WELL...  
MIGHT AS WELL  
BRING IN THE PAPER...



HMMM...IT SAYS IT HAPPENED ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 16TH...THAT'S A MISTAKE!  
TODAY'S TUESDAY, THE 16TH!

DAILY HERALD  
GORILLA ESCAPES  
SPREADS PANIC IN ZOO  
BROKEN LOCK ON CAGE AT FAULT  
...PURSUES,  
INJURES UN-  
IDENTIFIED  
MAN



Then...A STRANGE AND  
AMAZING DISCOVERY!

WHAT THE...! THIS PAPER'S  
DATED WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH!  
BY SOME MAGIC, I'VE GOTTEN HOLD  
OF TOMORROW'S PAPER! THIS  
IS THE NEWS...BEFORE IT  
HAPPENS!



SAY, THAT EPISODE IN THE  
ZOO...IT...IT WON'T EVEN  
HAPPEN UNTIL THIS AFTER-  
NOON! AND IF I GO OVER  
THERE AND POINT OUT THAT  
FAULTY CAGE LOCK, I CAN  
STOP IT ALL FROM HAPPEN-  
ING...AND BE A HERO!



THE MORE HE THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THE MORE THE IDEA  
APPEALED TO HIM! BUT WHEN HE REACHED THE  
ZOO...

I'M TELLING YOU  
THAT LOCK IS FAULTY...  
AND IF YOU DON'T DO  
SOMETHING ABOUT IT,  
THE GORILLA WILL  
GET OUT!

YOU'RE CRAZY,  
MISTER! IF THERE'S  
ANYTHING WRONG  
WITH THE LOCK...  
SHOW ME!



BUT THE SECOND ARTHUR LAID HIS HANDS  
ON THE LOCK...

ULP! IT...  
IT CAME APART...



NEXT  
MOMENT...

GARR-RRR!



ARTHUR FLED---BUT THE BIG APE WAS HOT ON HIS HEELS!  
SAY---ISN'T THIS PICTURE STARTING TO LOOK FAMILIAR?



WELL, ANYWAY, I FOUND OUT **ONE** THING---I  
**CAN** LOOK INTO TOMORROW AND SEE WHAT'S  
GOING TO HAPPEN! THE ONLY THING WAS, I  
DIDN'T KNOW I WAS GOING TO BE THE  
UNIDENTIFIED MAN THE NEWSPAPER  
MENTIONED!



NEXT MORNING---



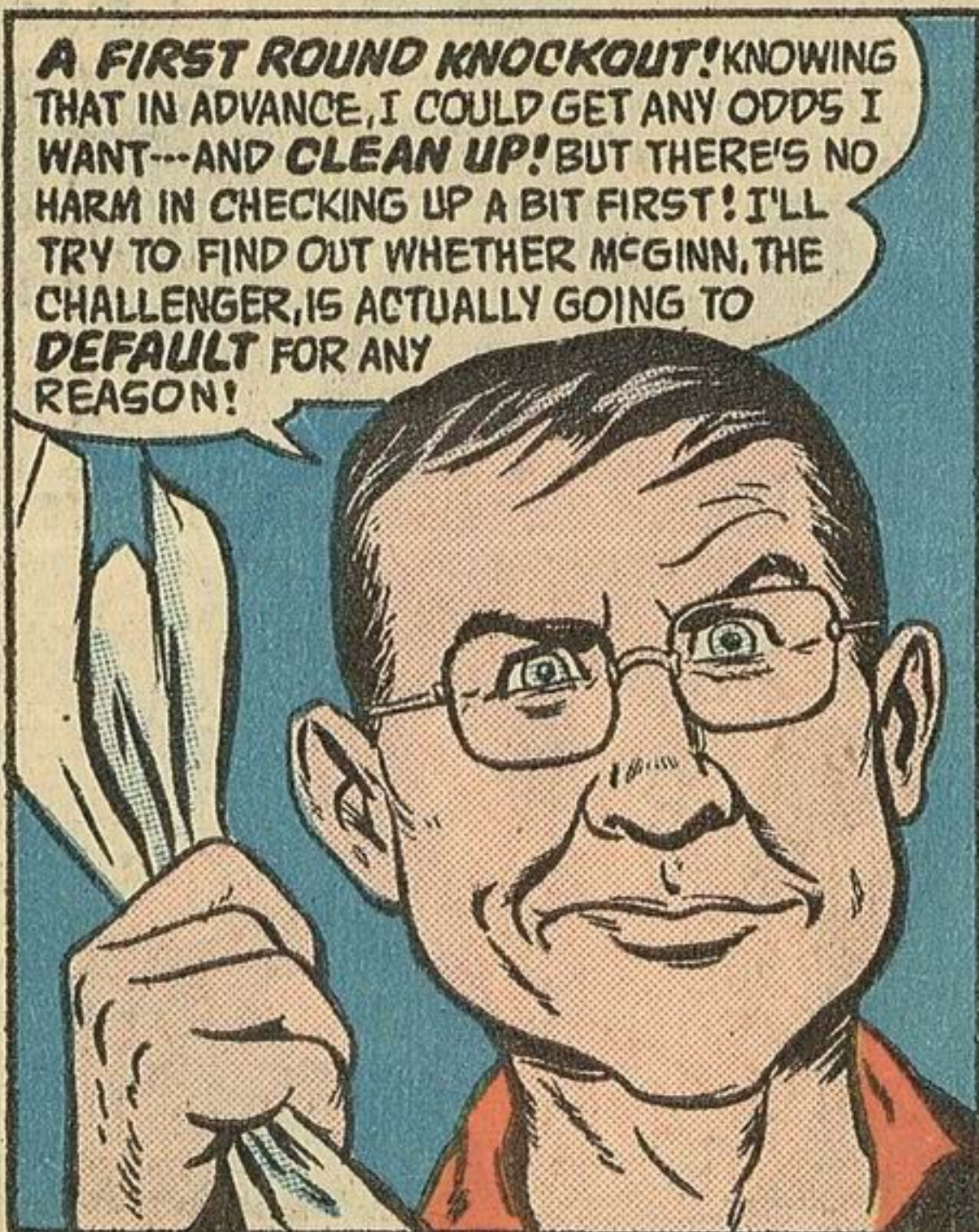
OH, BOY! TOMORROW'S  
PAPER AGAIN!



SAY---WHAT'S  
THIS?



**A FIRST ROUND KNOCKOUT!** KNOWING  
THAT IN ADVANCE, I COULD GET ANY ODDS I  
WANT---AND **CLEAN UP!** BUT THERE'S NO  
HARM IN CHECKING UP A BIT FIRST! I'LL  
TRY TO FIND OUT WHETHER MCGINN, THE  
CHALLENGER, IS ACTUALLY GOING TO  
**DEFAULT** FOR ANY  
REASON!



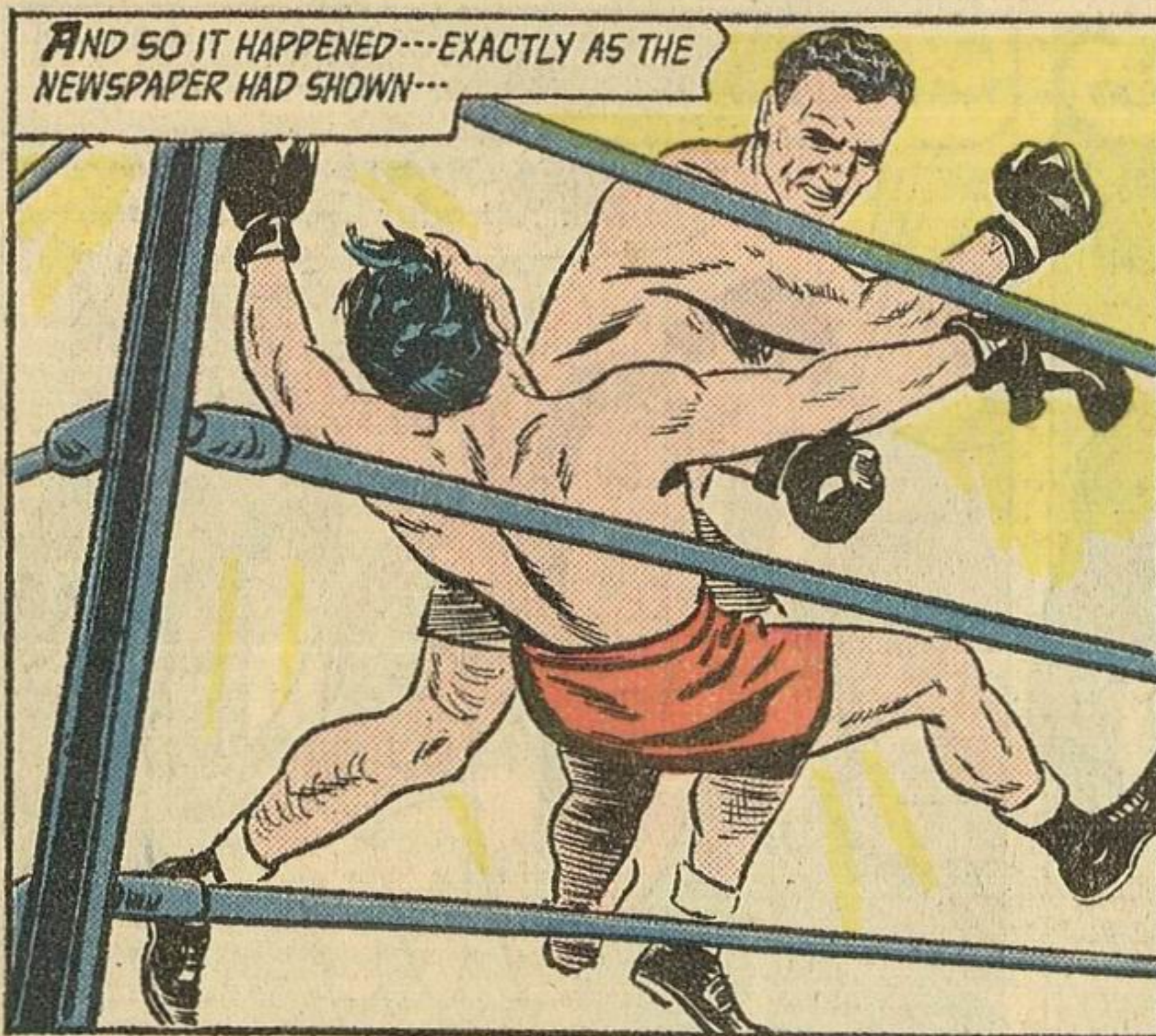
SO ARTHUR WENT UP TO MCGINN'S  
TRAINING CAMP---AND EAVESDROPPED---

I WOULD'VE WATCHED HIM MORE  
CAREFUL IF I KNEW HE WAS  
SO SCARED OF THE CHAMP  
THAT HE WAS GONNA TAKE  
A POWDER!



YEAH! NOW WE GOT NO  
**FIGHTER**---AND WE POST-  
ED A \$10,000 GUARANTEE  
THAT MCGINN WOULD SHOW!













WON'T YOU WOLVES **EVER** LEARN?

BOYBOY, IS **THIS** A COMEDY SCOOP!

AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT---BACK IN ARTHUR'S HOME---

WON'T YOU WOLVES **EVER** LEARN?

OH!



WHEN HE RETURNED, CRESTFALLEN, IT WAS TO FIND---

WHY---WHY, WHAT'S **THIS**? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

YOU'VE GOT THE NERVE TO **ASK**?



I'M GOING BACK TO MOTHER, YOU--- YOU **WOLF**!

AND NOW ARTHUR, GRIEVING, WAS ALONE! ALL HE'D HAD SO FAR WAS **BAD** LUCK FROM HIS POWER TO GAZE INTO TOMORROW--- BUT HE WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE UP FOR IT! NOW---**HIS OPPORTUNITY WAS AT HAND!**

**WOW!** TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPER SAYS THAT **ALLIED PRODUCTS** TOOK A TERRIFIC RISE---30 POINTS! THIS IS JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN **WAITING FOR!**



THAT MORNING, EVERY PENNY OF HIS SAVINGS WENT INTO **ALLIED PRODUCTS!** NEXT DAY---

**HURRAH!** I---I'M A **MILLIONAIRE!**



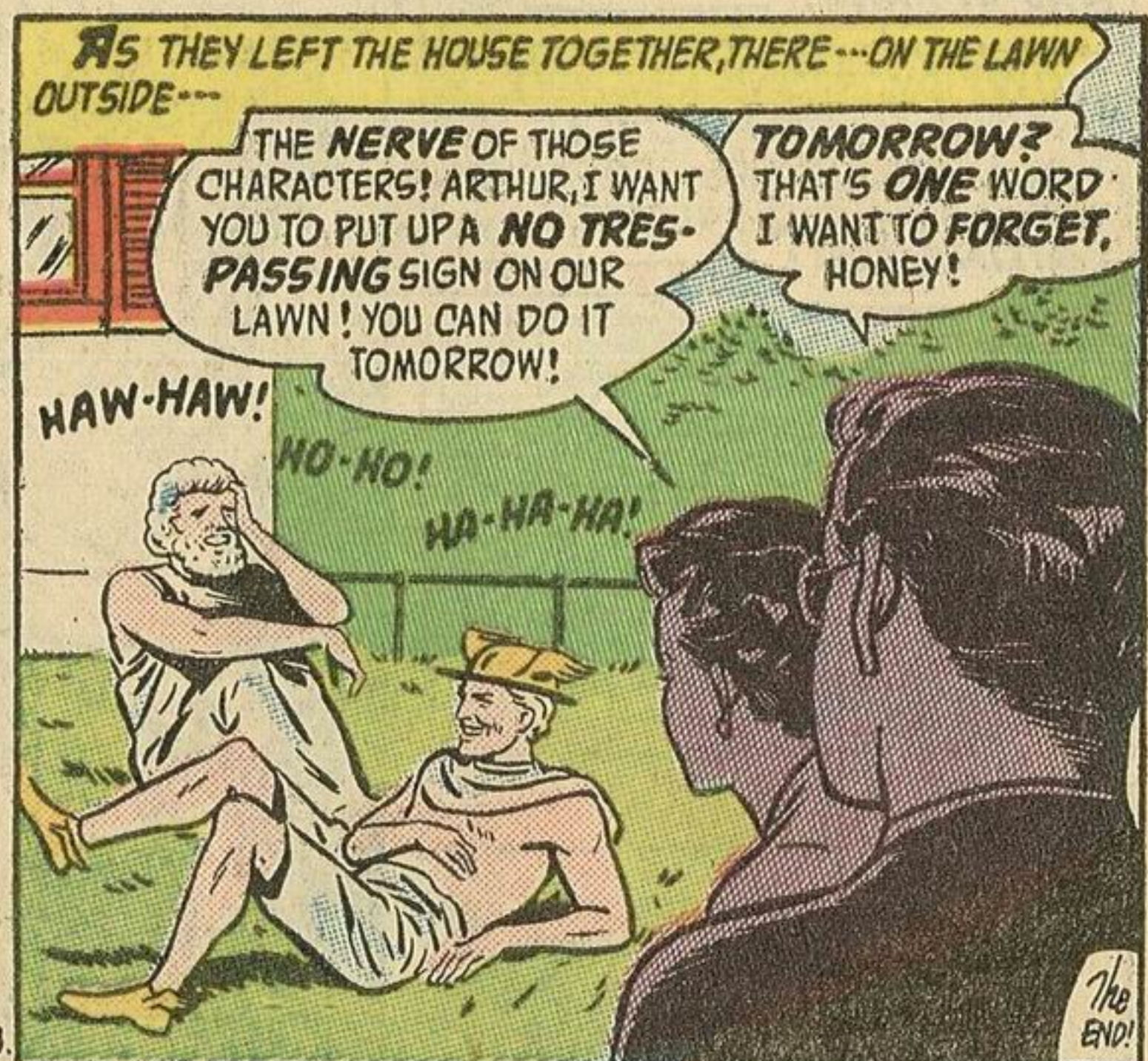
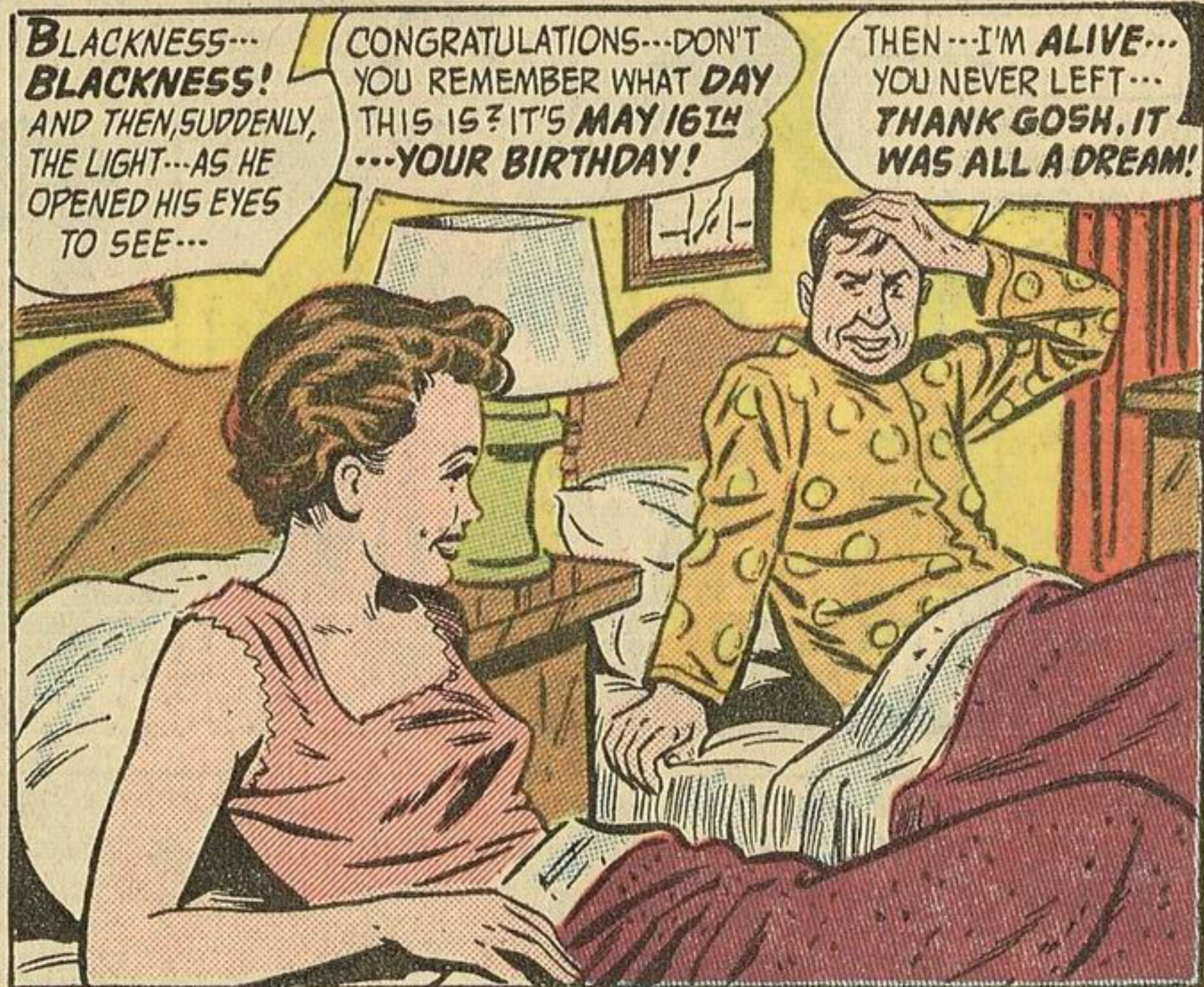
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OUTSIDE, HE FELT SUDDENLY WEAK, AND STAGGERING TO A PARK BENCH, HE SAT DOWN---

I'D BETTER---REST! WHILE I'M DOING IT, I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPER--- I WAS IN SUCH A RUSH TO GET DOWN TO THE BROKER'S OFFICE THAT I HARDLY GLANCED AT IT!









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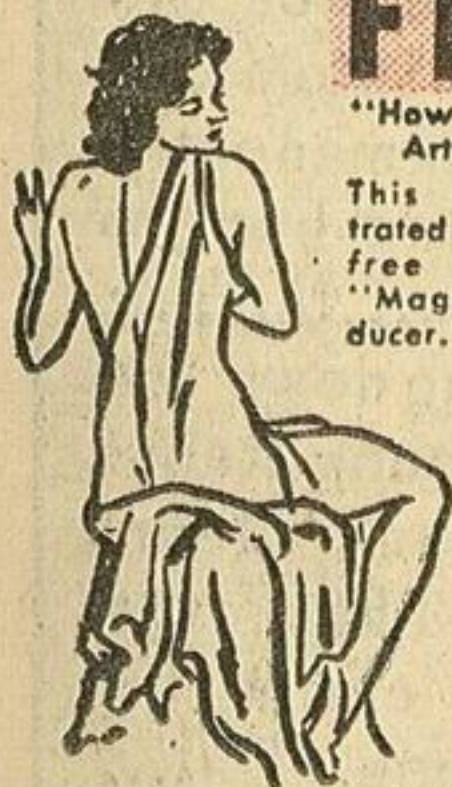
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# The OLD MIRROR

IT IS DIFFICULT, in reading old stories, to know where fact leaves off and fiction begins. And sometimes, when the stories aren't read, but passed down from generation to generation by way of mouth, it's hard to distinguish folk lore and legend from a true recountal. Take the tale we're about to tell you, for instance. Normally speaking, we wouldn't hesitate to label it a complete fabrication. But the presiding justice and members of a court of Nantes, France, all swore to its truth in the year 1774, and their faded signatures are appended to the document setting forth the following facts.

The Comte de la Tour Bleu was one of the most beloved men of the region. An elderly aristocrat, he had gained the affection of all through his charities, which were many. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to the poor, who blessed him for his benevolence. The old nobleman had two passions in his life. One was his collection of antique curiosities...the other was young Raoul, his ward. Raoul, a typical young Frenchman of the upper class was widely known to be wild and reckless. He gambled too much, and was frequently in debt...but he loved his old guardian.

Let's mention two other important factors in the count's life. One was his brother Henri, as surly and avaricious a person as the old count was kind and benevolent. The other was the gem of the count's antique collection, an ancient 12th century mirror rumored to possess the power of mystic sight. He doted on this old mirror, and kept it in the place of honor in his study. Now let's get on to the happenings with which this story concerns itself. One morning, the old count was found dead. It was foul play, there wasn't any doubt of that, and the large quantity of gold which he was known to keep in his study was gone. Who could have committed this awful deed? Hardly before the investigation had started, Henri stepped forward, and

swore that on the night when it had happened, he had heard two quarreling voices...his brother's and that of Raoul, the count's ward. This was enough to cause the authorities to search Raoul's quarters, where a certain amount of the gold was found hidden. At once, Raoul was arrested. It was a known fact that he was heavily in debt. No doubt...or so went the general belief...his guardian had at last tired of meeting these obligations, and when he had refused, Raoul had taken this terrible action. There was also no doubt that he would be found guilty and executed. The defense was undertaken by Guy Maniere, an old friend of the family, who had loved the old count and thought too highly of Raoul to believe he could have committed such a deed. Feverishly, and vainly at first, he sought some clue which might clear his client. On the night before the last day of the trial, he ransacked the study. His eye fell upon the old mirror the count had loved so much. He picked it up, and his eyes widened. He had what he had been looking for!

All was in readiness to pronounce Raoul's guilt when Maniere stepped forward. "If it please the court, I wish to introduce an additional item of evidence", he stated. "This old mirror, a favorite of le Comte de la Tour Bleu. It is rumored to possess the power of mystic sight, and on the very night of the count's death, it proved this claim! May I ask that you inspect it?"

The old mirror did not reflect the faces of those who now gazed into it. A shadowy picture was now permanently engraved on it. You had to stare hard to see it, but then it became clear...the picture of his brother Henri striking down the old Count. Needless to state, young Raoul was straightway released, and Henri paid the penalty for his deed. That's the story as we heard it, and we claim it's pure legend, outright nonsense. But...why did the presiding justice and the members of the court swear to its truth?

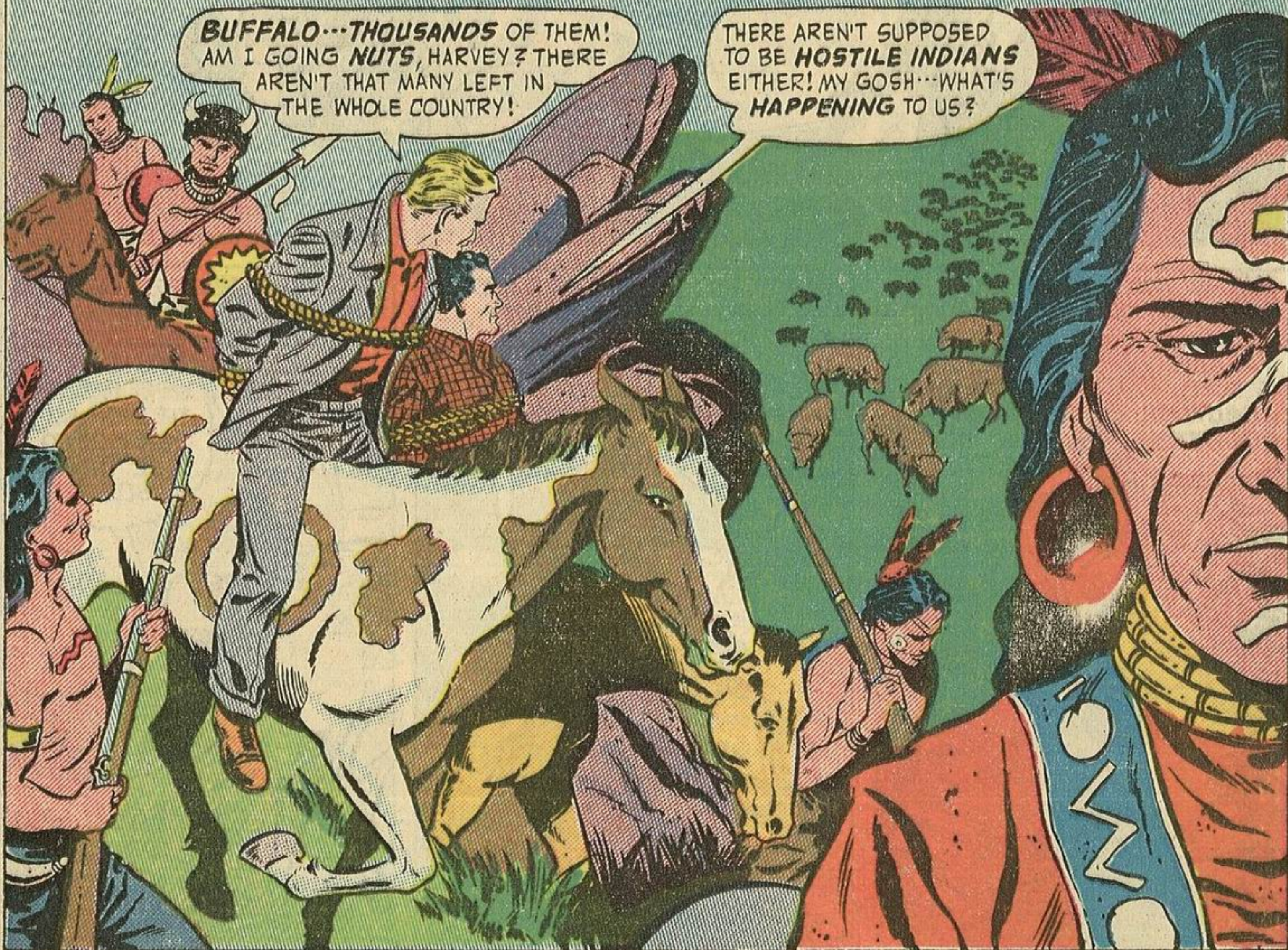


IT WAS AN ADVENTURE TO CHALLENGE THE HEART OF ANY COURAGEOUS PHOTOGRAPHER...A JOURNEY INTO A PART OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAD NEVER BEEN ADEQUATELY MAPPED! THE DANGERS WERE WELL KNOWN... PRECAUTIONS COULD BE TAKEN AGAINST **THOSE!** BUT WHO COULD FORESEE THAT THE GREATEST PERIL WOULD COME WHEN THEY ENTERED THE ABODE...

# WHERE <sup>the</sup> REDSKINS never FELL!

BUFFALO...THOUSANDS OF THEM!  
AM I GOING NUTS, HARVEY? THERE  
AREN'T THAT MANY LEFT IN  
THE WHOLE COUNTRY!

THERE AREN'T SUPPOSED  
TO BE **HOSTILE INDIANS**  
EITHER! MY GOSH...WHAT'S  
HAPPENING TO US?



WASHINGTON, D.C. ...AN OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
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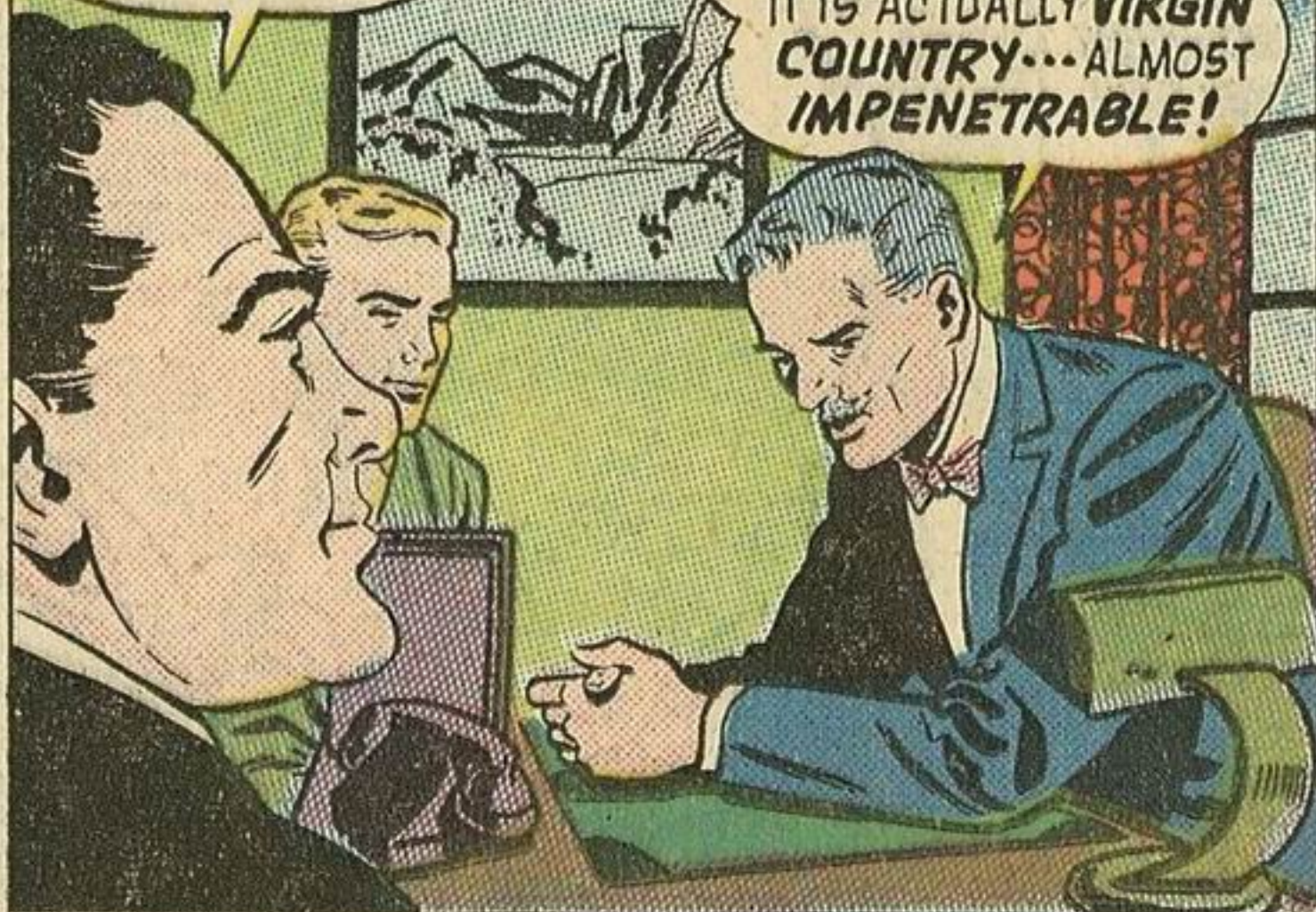
YOUR JOB'S TO NAVIGATE THE UPPER  
REACHES OF THE COLORADO RIVER,  
DOWN THROUGH THE GRAND CANYON!  
WE'VE HAD A RAFT ESPECIALLY CON-  
STRUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE...BECAUSE  
ANY **NORMAL** CRAFT WOULDN'T  
HAVE A **CHANCE!**



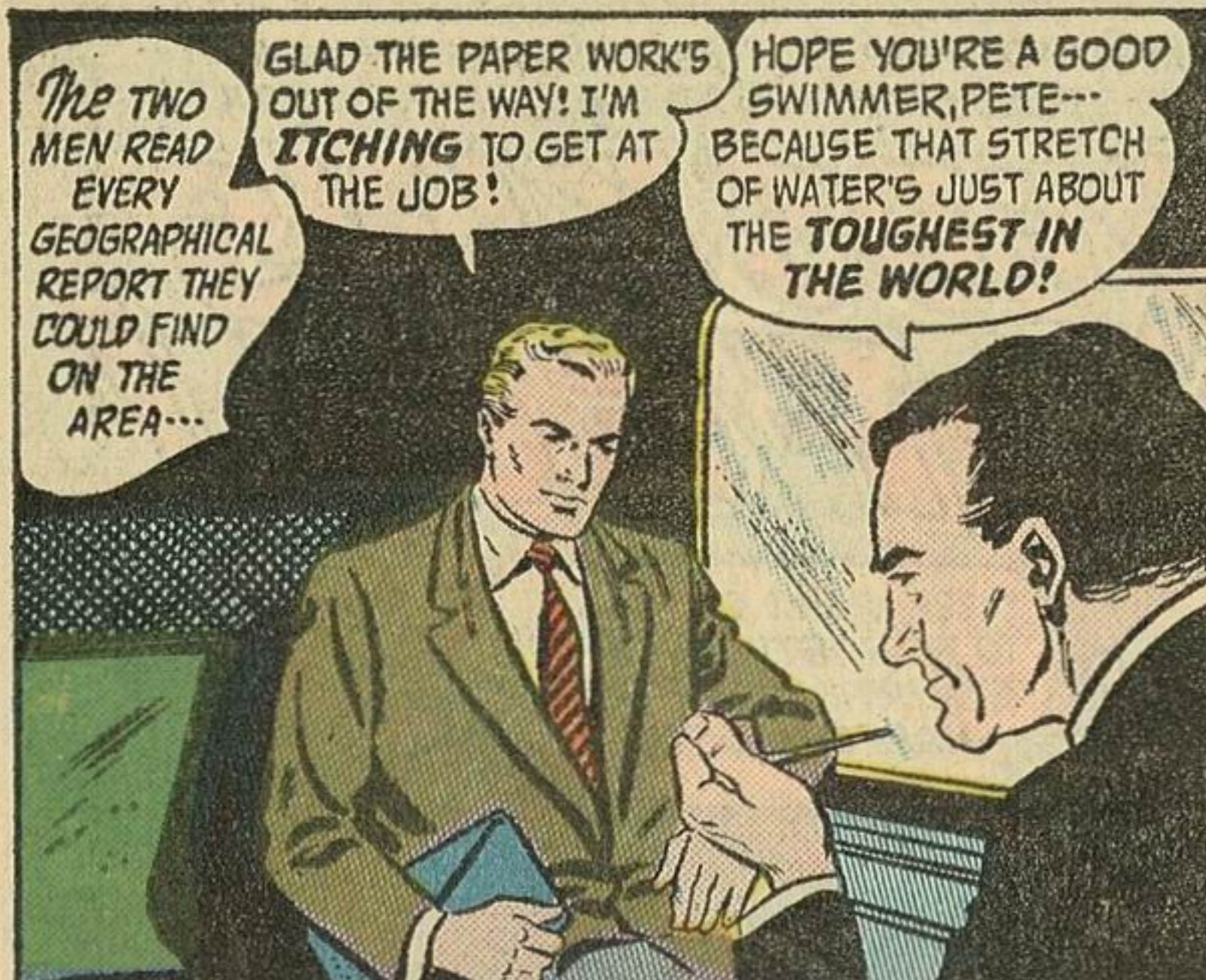
PETE ALLEN AND HARVEY HUNTER WERE TOP  
GOVERNMENT PHOTOGRAPHERS, WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR  
DARING AND RESOURCEFULNESS...

SOUNDS INTERESTING  
...BUT WHAT'S THE  
**PURPOSE?**

THE FACT IS...THE  
COLORADO HAS **NEVER**  
**BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED**  
**COMPLETELY!** PART OF  
IT IS ACTUALLY **VIRGIN**  
**COUNTRY**...ALMOST  
**IMPENETRABLE!**







THE TWO MEN READ EVERY GEOGRAPHICAL REPORT THEY COULD FIND ON THE AREA...

GLAD THE PAPER WORK'S OUT OF THE WAY! I'M **ITCHING** TO GET AT THE JOB!

HOPE YOU'RE A GOOD SWIMMER, PETE... BECAUSE THAT STRETCH OF WATER'S JUST ABOUT THE **TOUGHEST IN THE WORLD!**



THE RAFT WAS WAITING FOR THEM AT THEIR DESTINATION! DAYS PASSED IN CAREFUL CHECKING OF EVERY DETAIL...

WELL, WE'RE READY TO SHOVE OFF!

FELLAS, YOU'VE GOT 1,000 MILES OF SHEER **MURDER** AHEAD! NOBODY'S EVER NAVIGATED IT BEFORE... **SO GOOD LUCK!**



MAN, THIS IS SURE **BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY!**

DON'T START RUBBERNECKING! THE CURRENT'S GETTING **SWIFT!**



HOURS LATER THE GRIM BATTLE BETWEEN MAN AND RAGING NATURE HAD BEEN JOINED...

**HOLY COW...** THIS IS ENOUGH TO MAKE A GUY **SEASICK!**

YOU'LL BE A LOT SICKER IF WE DON'T STAY **UPRIGHT!**



BETWEEN TREACHEROUS RAPIDS AND SWIRLING EDDIES THEY SHOT ALL THE FILM THEY COULD...

**GORGEOUS,** ISN'T IT?

YOU KNOW, WE'RE PROBABLY THE FIRST WHITE MEN EVER TO SEE THOSE **BLUFFS!**



PROGRESS WAS SLOW ALONG THE CRUEL AND WILDLY BEAUTIFUL RIVER! FOR TWO WEEKS THEY SAW NOT A SINGLE SIGN OF HUMAN LIFE...



THE NATURAL SURROUNDINGS WERE BREATHTAKING, THE WILDLIFE PLENTIFUL...

THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T HAVE TO PROTECT **THOSE** ANIMALS! THERE'S NOBODY AROUND TO **HUNT** THEM!

FUNNY, BUT IT'S ALL EXACTLY AS IT WAS WHEN **COLUMBUS** FIRST LANDED!



IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT THAT A WILD SHRIEK PIERCED THE STILLNESS, AND THE SHARP HUM OF AN ARROW SPEEDING CLOSE...



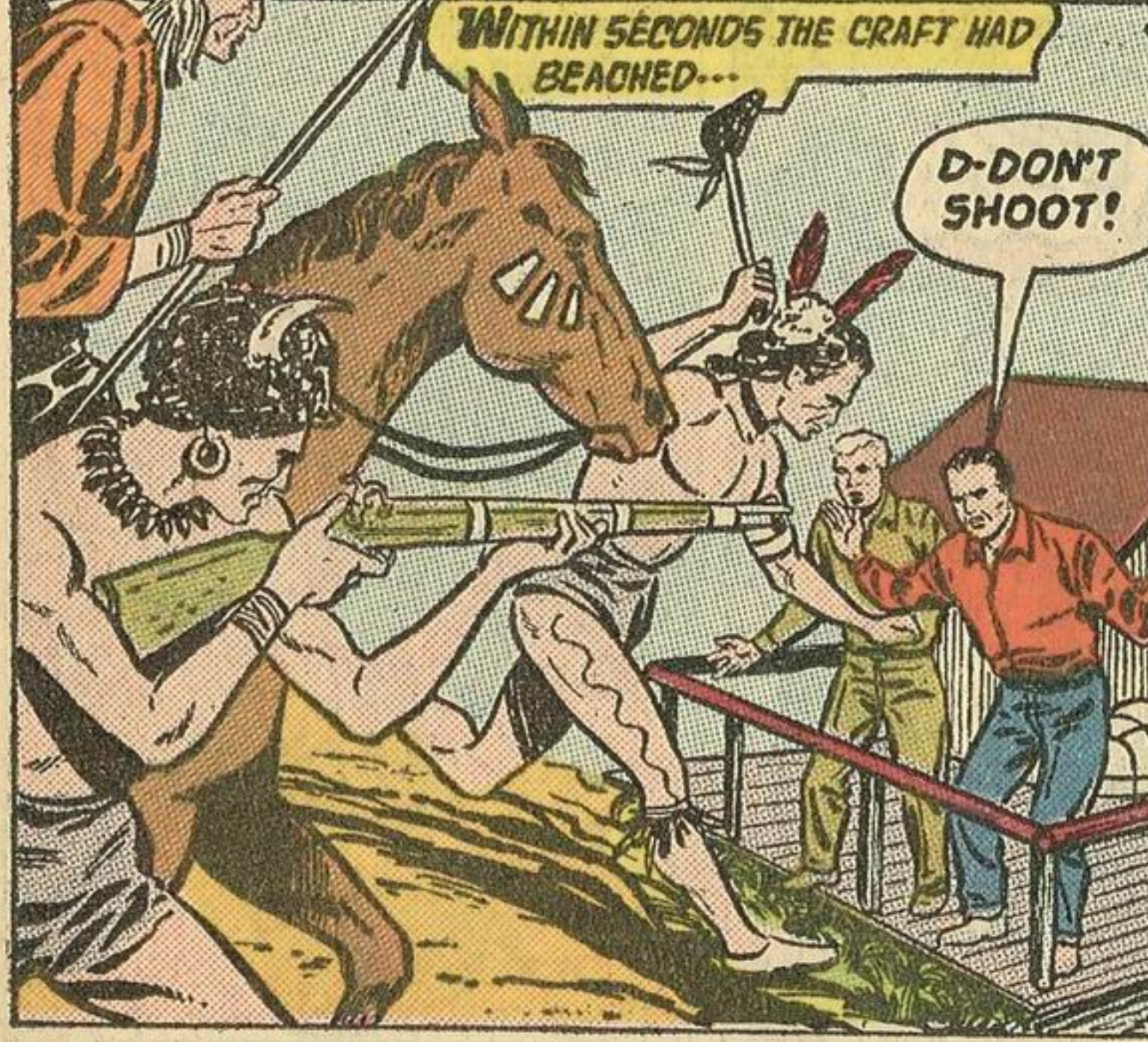
INDIANS!  
A WAR  
PARTY!



DUCKING THE LETHAL MISSILES, THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF CONTROLLING THE RAFT...



WITHIN SECONDS THE CRAFT HAD BEACHED...



THE FACES OF THE WAR PARTY WERE GRIM AND MENACING! THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY POSSIBILITY THAT A WEIRD PRACTICAL JOKE HAD TAKEN PLACE...

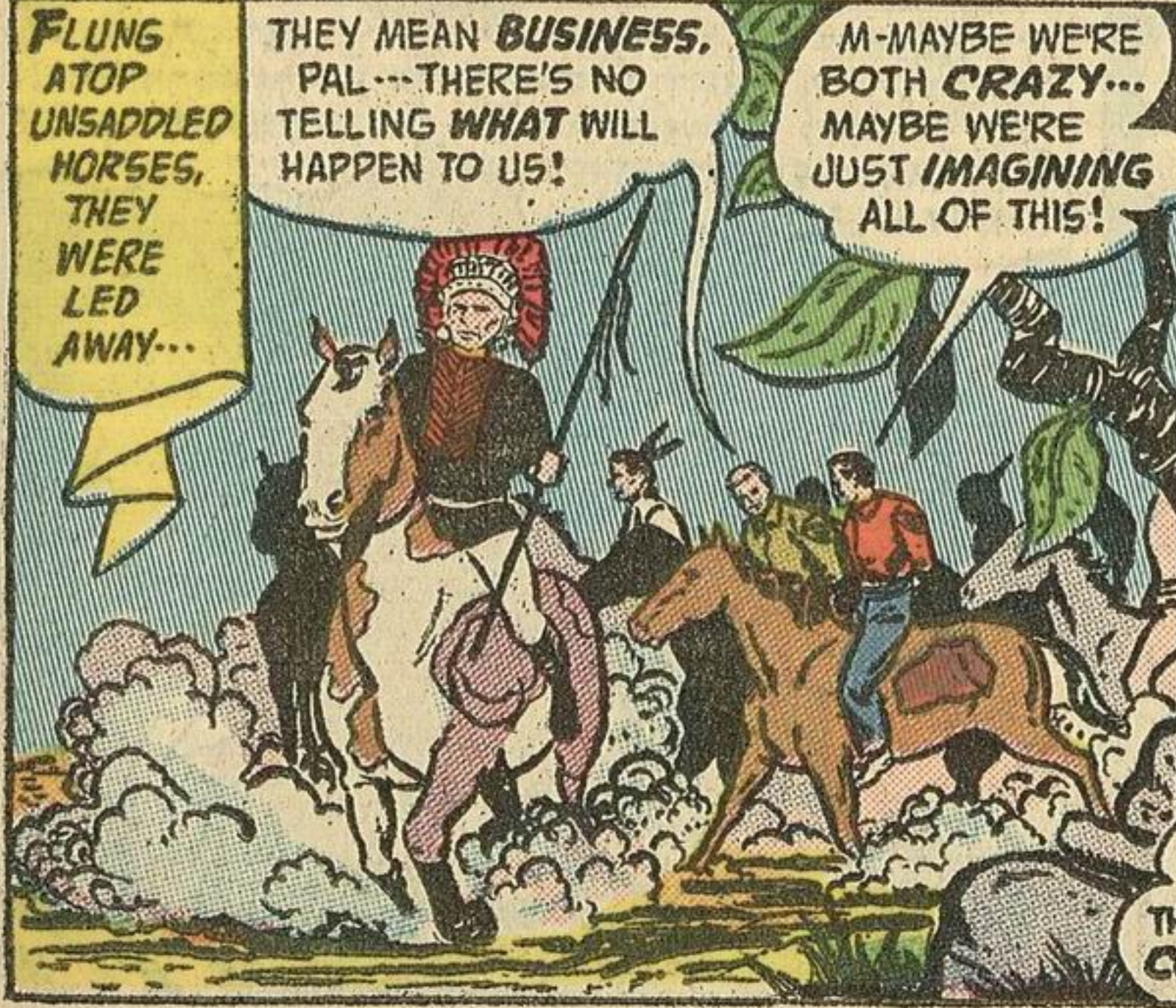
H-HARVEY, THEY DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND WE'RE FRIENDS! WHAT'S IT ALL MEAN? THERE COULDN'T BE ANY UNCONQUERED INDIANS OUT HERE...NOT IN 1956!



FLUNG ATOP UNSADDLED HORSES, THEY WERE LED AWAY...

THEY MEAN BUSINESS, PAL...THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US!

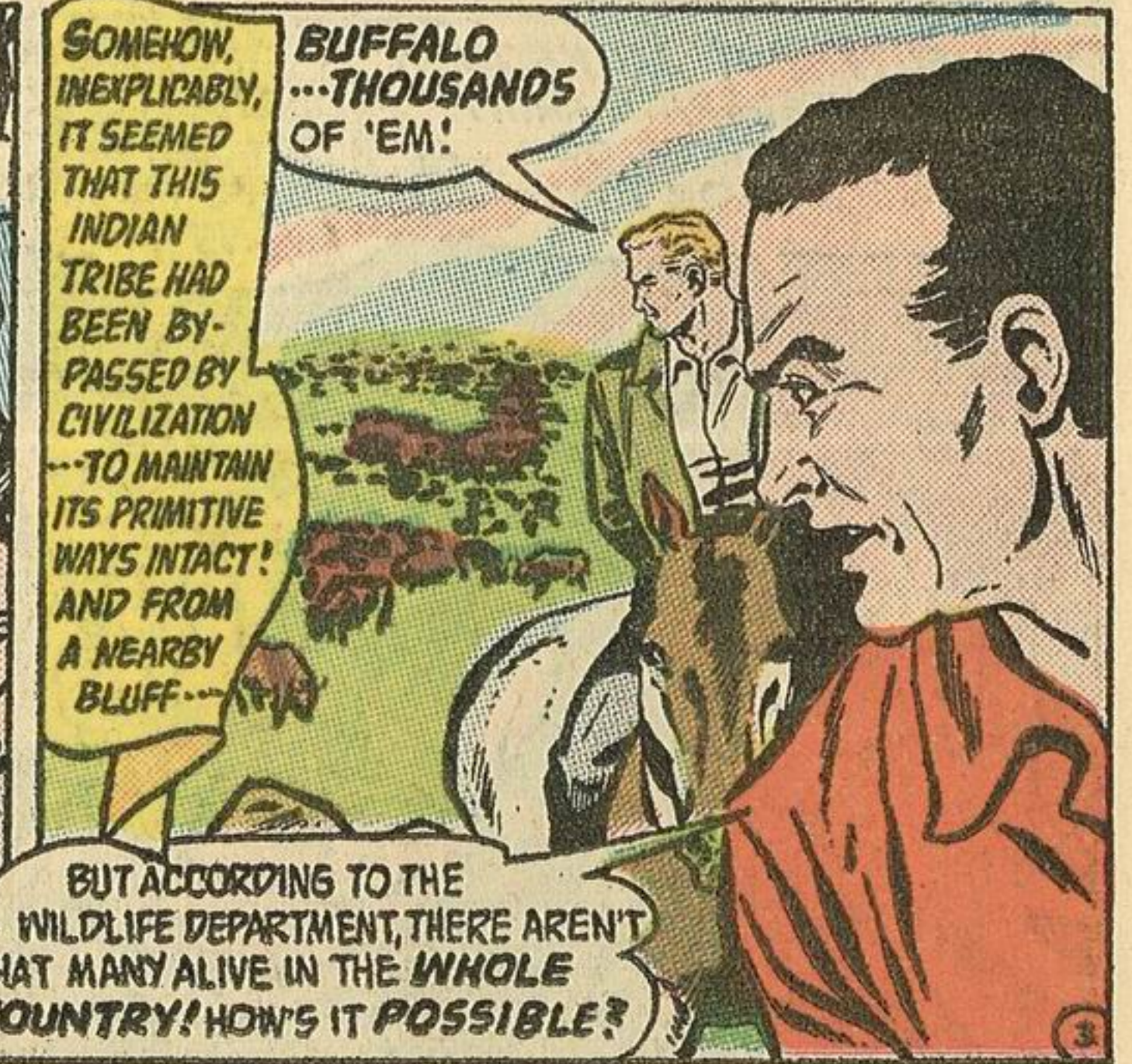
M-MAYBE WE'RE BOTH CRAZY... MAYBE WE'RE JUST IMAGINING ALL OF THIS!



SOMEHOW, INEXPLICABLY, IT SEEMED THAT THIS INDIAN TRIBE HAD BEEN BY-PASSED BY CIVILIZATION...TO MAINTAIN ITS PRIMITIVE WAYS INTACT! AND FROM A NEARBY BLUFF...

BUFFALO...THOUSANDS OF 'EM!

BUT ACCORDING TO THE WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT, THERE AREN'T THAT MANY ALIVE IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY! HOW'S IT POSSIBLE?





NOT LONG AFTER, A LARGE INDIAN VILLAGE APPEARED...

THIS IS NO GOVERNMENT RESERVATION...IT'S THE REAL THING!

SO REAL IT MAY BE THE END OF US!



HOSTILE EYES GLARED AS THEY APPROACHED THE TEPEE OF THE CHIEF...

LISTEN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT...BUT YOU GUYS ARE PLAYING WITH FIRE! THE U.S. GOVERNMENT...

SILENCE, PALEFACE! CHIEF CRAZY BEAR'S ANGER IS QUICK!

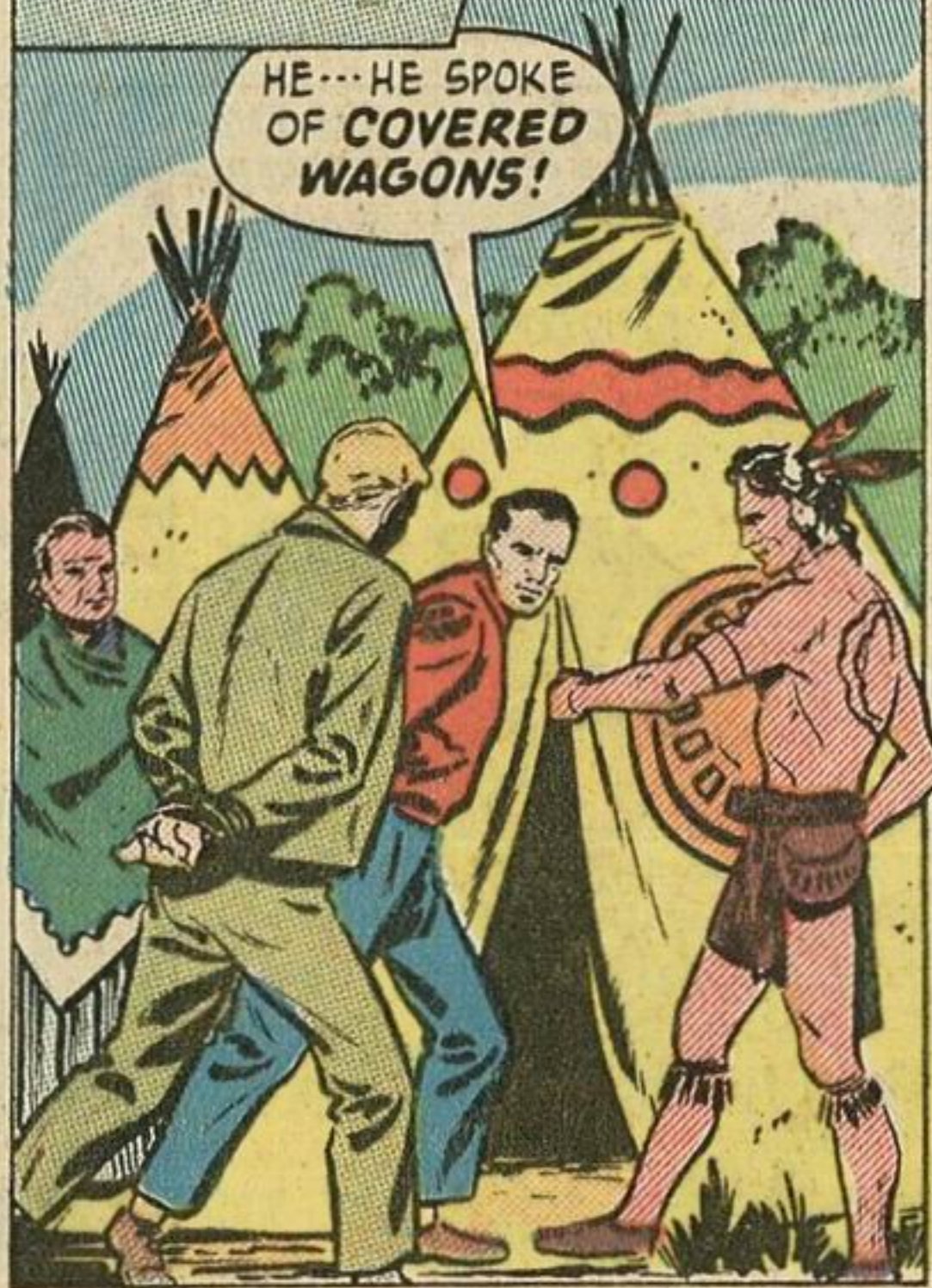


I HAVE SEEN THE WHITE MAN COME LIKE LOCUSTS IN THEIR COVERED WAGONS, BRINGING THE IRONS WHICH SPIT FIRE...AND THE FIRE WATER WHICH DRIVES MEN MAD! I HAVE VOWED DEATH TO ALL OF THEM...AND THIS WILL BE YOUR FATE!



DAZED, DISBELIEVING, THEY WERE HURRIED TO A NEARBY WIGWAM...

HE...HE SPOKE OF COVERED WAGONS!



A FINAL SHOCK REMAINED, FOR WITHIN THE WIGWAM...

A COUPLE MORE PRISONERS, EH? IT DOESN'T MATTER MUCH NOW, BUT WHAT SIDE YUH ON...BLUE OR GRAY?

HUH?



I'M LIEUTENANT JACKSON OF THE CONFEDERATE ARMY! WELL, ARE YUH FRIEND OR ENEMY...NORTH OR SOUTH?

I...I WAS BORN IN TENNESSEE! LOOK, BUDDY, JUST WHAT YEAR DO YOU THINK THIS IS?



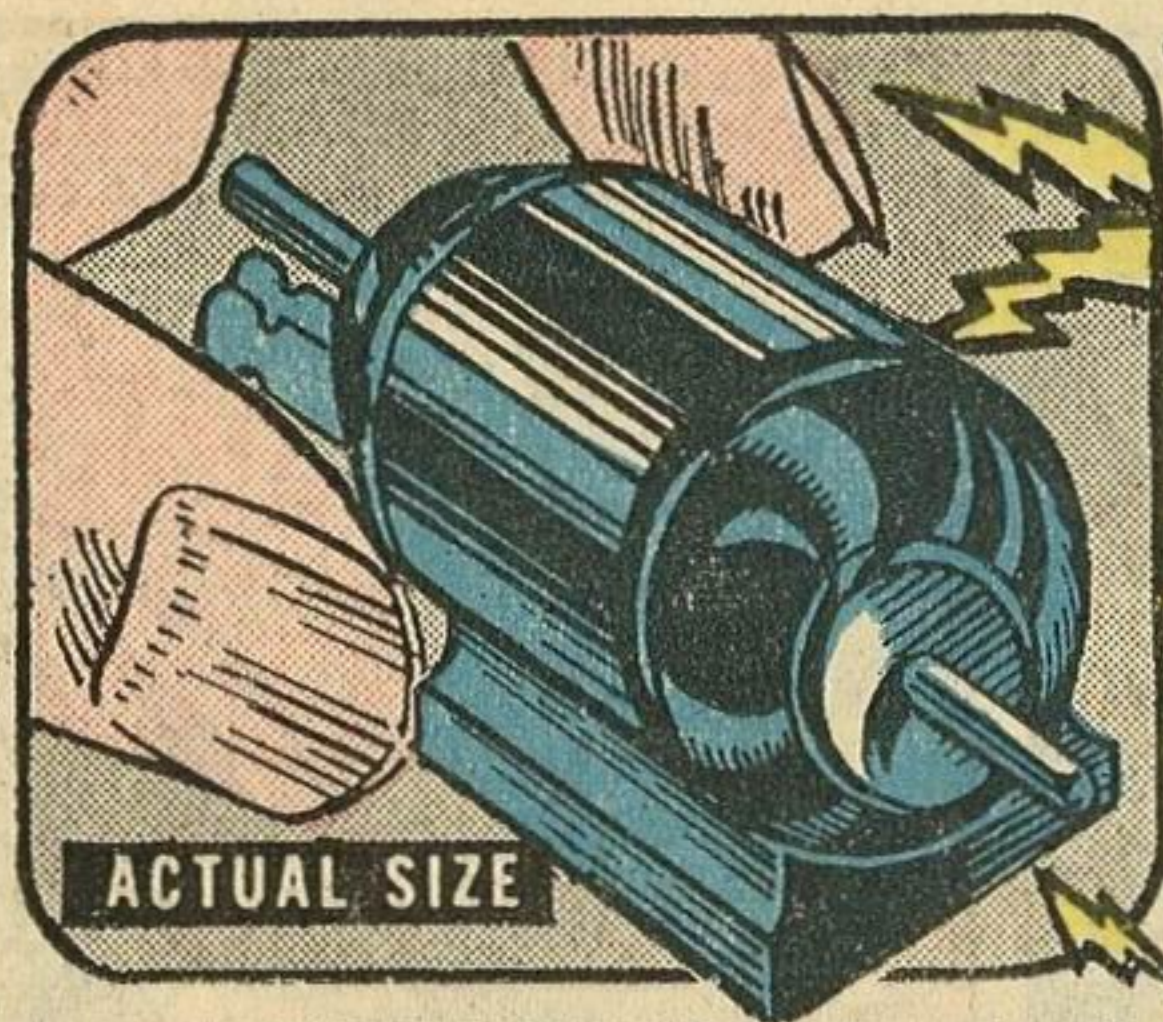
IT'S 1864, OF COURSE! ANY NEWS FROM THE BATTLE FRONTS? LAST I HEARD WE WERE GIVING THEM YANKEES MORE'N THEY CAN HANDLE!

GREAT SCOTT! I...I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND!



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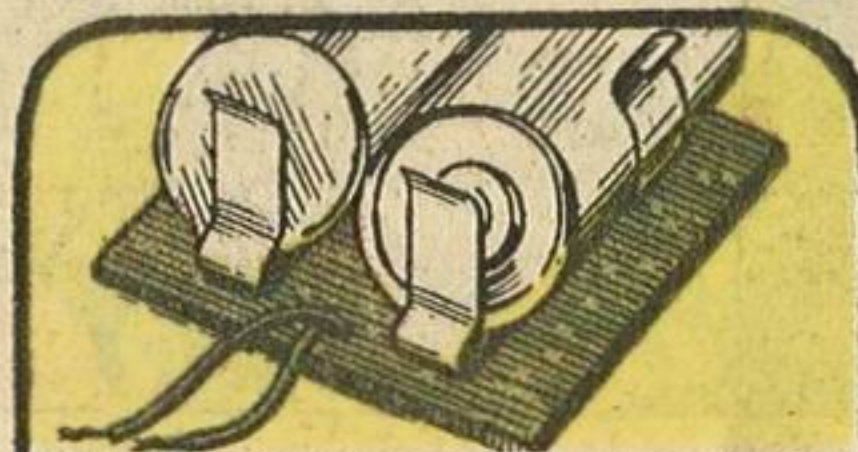
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JACKSON EXPLAINED HOW HE HAD BEEN DISPATCHED BY GENERAL GARRETT OF THE SOUTHERN FORCES TO NEGOTIATE TRADE CONTRACTS WITH THE INDIAN TRIBES...

WE WERE HOPIN' TO USE INJUN FURS AND SKINS TO GET GUNS FROM THE BRITISH! BUT THESE SAVAGE CRITTERS TOOK ME **PRISONER**... THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT TRADIN' NOHOW!

THEY'RE INTERESTED IN OUR **SCALPS**! WE'VE GOT TO **ESCAPE**!



THERE AIN'T NO CHANCE OF BUSTIN' OUT OF THESE THINGS! I UNDERSTAND A LITTLE OF THEIR LINGO ...SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE FIXIN' TUH DO US IN TOMORROW MORNIN'!

THAT MEANS WE'VE GOT TO **ESCAPE TONIGHT!** AND I KNOW **HOW!**



PETE ALLEN WAITED UNTIL LONG PAST MIDNIGHT! THE INDIAN VILLAGE WAS STILL, SAVE FOR THE SPORADIC BAYING OF A COYOTE NEARBY...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

MY CIGARETTE LIGHTER! I'LL **BURN US LOOSE!**



20 MINUTES LATER...

GOOD BOY! WE'VE GOT A **CHANCE!**

SAY, WHAT **WAS** THAT THING? AND WHAT'S A **CIGARETTE?**



LT. JACKSON, A TRAINED SOLDIER, WAS MOST USEFUL IN THE NECESSARY WORK WHICH FOLLOWED ...GETTING PAST THE OUTSIDE GUARD...



UGH!

THEIR ONLY CHANCE OF ESCAPE WAS TO GET AT THE HORSES! IT MEANT A STEALTHY CRAWL THROUGH THE INDIAN VILLAGE, WHEN THE SLIGHTEST MISTAKE COULD SPELL DISASTER...

EASY! DON'T SCARE THE CAYUSES!



BUT THE HIGHSTRUNG ANIMALS, UNUSED TO THE SCENT OF WHITE MEN, SHIED...

**BLAZES!** THEY'RE WAKING THE WHOLE CAMP! WE'VE GOT TO MAKE A BREAK FOR IT!

**COME ON!**





A WILD GALLOP FOLLOWED! SOON, BECAUSE PETE AND HARVEY WERE NOT TRAINED HORSEMEN, THEIR HEAD-  
" START DIMINISHED...

THEY'RE GAINING! HEAD FOR THE RIVER! WE'VE GOT TO REACH THE RAFT!



WHEN THEY REACHED THE RIVER, THE INDIANS WERE LESS THAN 50 YARDS BEHIND...



SHOVE OFF! QUICK!

OHhhh! DON'T STOP! I---I'M A GONER!

BAM!



FOR THE FIRST TIME THE TREACHEROUS RIVER WAS A FRIEND, FOR THE SWIFT CURRENT QUICKLY POWERED THE RAFT DOWNSTREAM...

THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FOLLOW US IN THIS DARKNESS!

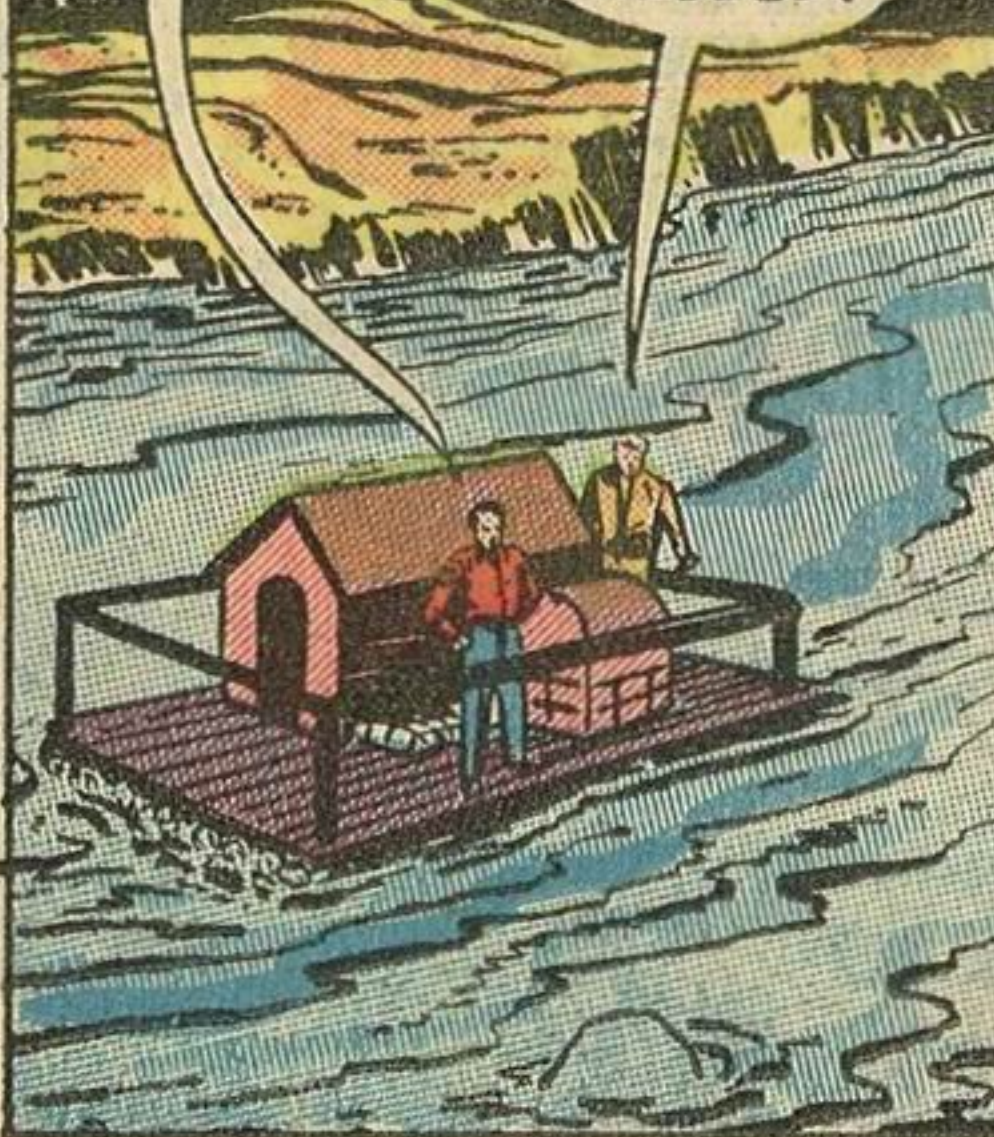
KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN! WE'RE NOT SAFE YET!



THE WILD SHRIEKS OF THE ENEMY FADED INTO THE DISTANCE! THROUGH ALL OF THE PERILOUS NIGHT THEY REMAINED IN THE WATER, BUT WITH DAYLIGHT...

NO SIGN OF 'EM! YOU THINK WE'RE SAFE?

CAN'T TELL! JUST KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED!



THREE TENSE DAYS PASSED! THEY SAW AND HEARD NOTHING, TILL FINALLY...

HEY! WHATCHA DOIN'?

WAIT RIGHT THERE! WE'RE COMING ASHORE!



WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT, EH? THOUGHT MAYBE YOU WERE HOLLYWOOD PHOTOGRAPHERS!

BUDDY, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW GLAD WE ARE THAT YOU'VE HEARD OF HOLLYWOOD! CAN YOU HELP US GET TO THE NEAREST AIRFIELD?





BACK IN WASHINGTON D.C., THEIR ANGRY SUPERIOR LISTENED TO THEIR STORY...

AND YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE **THAT'S** WHY YOU DIDN'T COMPLETE THE MISSION? GENTLEMEN, ARE YOU BOTH COMPLETELY MAD?

BUT IT'S **TRUE**, SIR... EVERY WORD OF IT!

BUT OF COURSE, WHO **WOULD** BELIEVE THEIR STORY? WHEN THEY LEFT, THEY FELT HUMILIATED...

WE'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT! AS FAR AS THEY'RE CONCERNED... WE BELONG IN A NUT HOUSE!

WE'VE GOT TO **PROVE** IT! COME ON, WE'RE GOING TO RANSACK THE **ARCHIVES** BUILDING!

YOU WANT **ALL** THE RECORDS OF THE CONFEDERATE ARMY? GENTLEMEN, IT WOULD TAKE A **LIFETIME** TO GO THROUGH THEM!

JUST THOSE PERTAINING TO **GENERAL GARRETT**, AND A CERTAIN **LIEUTENANT JACKSON**!

WEEKS OF DRUDGERY FOLLOWED, BUT AT LAST...

**PETE, I- I'VE FOUND IT! RIGHT HERE!** IT SAYS HOW **GENERAL GARRETT** DISPATCHED A CERTAIN **LT. JACKSON** TO NEGOTIATE TRADE CONTRACTS WITH THE INDIANS... **AND JACKSON WAS NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN!**

IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, THE GOVERNMENT FLEW HELICOPTER AFTER HELICOPTER OVER THE SUSPICIOUS AREA, WITH PETE AND HARVEY LEADING THE WAY, BUT NOTHING WAS EVER FOUND...

LOOK, FELLAS, YOU DON'T **REALLY** EXPECT TO FIND AN INDIAN VILLAGE DOWN THERE, DO YOU?

NO, I... I GUESS IT'S HOPELESS!

AT LENGTH, THE SEARCH WAS ABANDONED...

HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN IT, HARVEY? WE KNOW IT ALL **HAPPENED!**

SURE IT DID, PETE! TIME'S A FUNNY THING... SOMEHOW WE SLIPPED CLEAR INTO THE **PAST!**

SOMEHOW I'VE GOT THE FEELING THAT THOSE INDIANS ARE **STILL** DOWN THERE... IN A DIFFERENT TIME DIMENSION! PERHAPS TIME **FORGOT** THAT LAND... OR MAYBE THE SPIRITS IN THE HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS COULDN'T BEAR TO SEE ALL THE GREAT INDIAN NATIONS DESTROYED...

The END!



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# From **YOUR EDITOR-** to **YOU!**

**A** NOTHER LEAF off the calendar...another issue of "Forbidden Worlds"...another opportunity to sit down with the people we love most, our loyal fans! This month marks an innovation which will not necessarily be a

permanent feature, but which we'll go in for whenever the fancy strikes us. We refer to an open house for readers, wherein we present letters to the Editor, together with Ye Ed's personal reply. All set, folks? Then let's go!

"Dear Editor:-

I've been noticing a symbol reading 'Approved By the Comics Code Authority' on the covers of comics I've been reading. Exactly what does this mean?

...Brenda Levittes, Springfield, Ill."

Turn to that symbol on our cover and study it carefully. It's a Seal of Approval that appears only on comic magazines which have been carefully reviewed, prior to publication, by the Comics Code Authority, and found to have met the high standards of morality and good taste required by the Code. The Code Authority operates apart from any individual publisher and exercises independent judgment with respect to Code-compliance. A comic magazine bearing its Seal is your assurance of good reading and pictorial matter.

"Dear Editor:-

"Forbidden Worlds" is the first comic I've read in over two years. What determines your choice of stories? Why no plots about zombies and werewolves...or is it a secret?

...Samuel R. Bostwick, Asbury Park, N. J."

It's no secret that imagination, challenge and sheer interest lie behind the stories we select. Our readers join us in thinking that stories of this sort are a million miles above the type you indicate.

"Dear Editor:-

Hey, the January issue of "Forbidden Worlds" is sure cooking with high-pressure gas! "The Phantom Flyers" is a lulu...it kept me glued to the edge of my chair! Ditto for "The People From Down Under", as fine a story as any magazine ever ran! Three cheers for this All-Star issue!

...Gustav Swansen, Austin, Tex."

Shame on you, Mr. Swansen! You must have missed a number of our recent numbers, or you'd know that this one wasn't anything special...just the usual yours-for-thrills issue of our hard-hitting magazine!

"Dear Editor:-

I've been reading a lot about how you folks have been changing the formula for your stories in "Forbidden Worlds". That's okay with me, and I must say that your magazine has turned into the most fascinating on the stands, for my money! But the stories aren't the only thing that's different. How about the art? I've been comparing your recent issues with the old ones, and the new stuff looks much better, too! How about that?

...Betty Jean Rader, Los Angeles, Cal."

You improve as you go along, Betty Jean! Ours is a visual medium, and we try to make it as attractive to the eye as possible. That means a continual search for the very best illustrators...and we're glad you like the results!

"Dear Editor:-

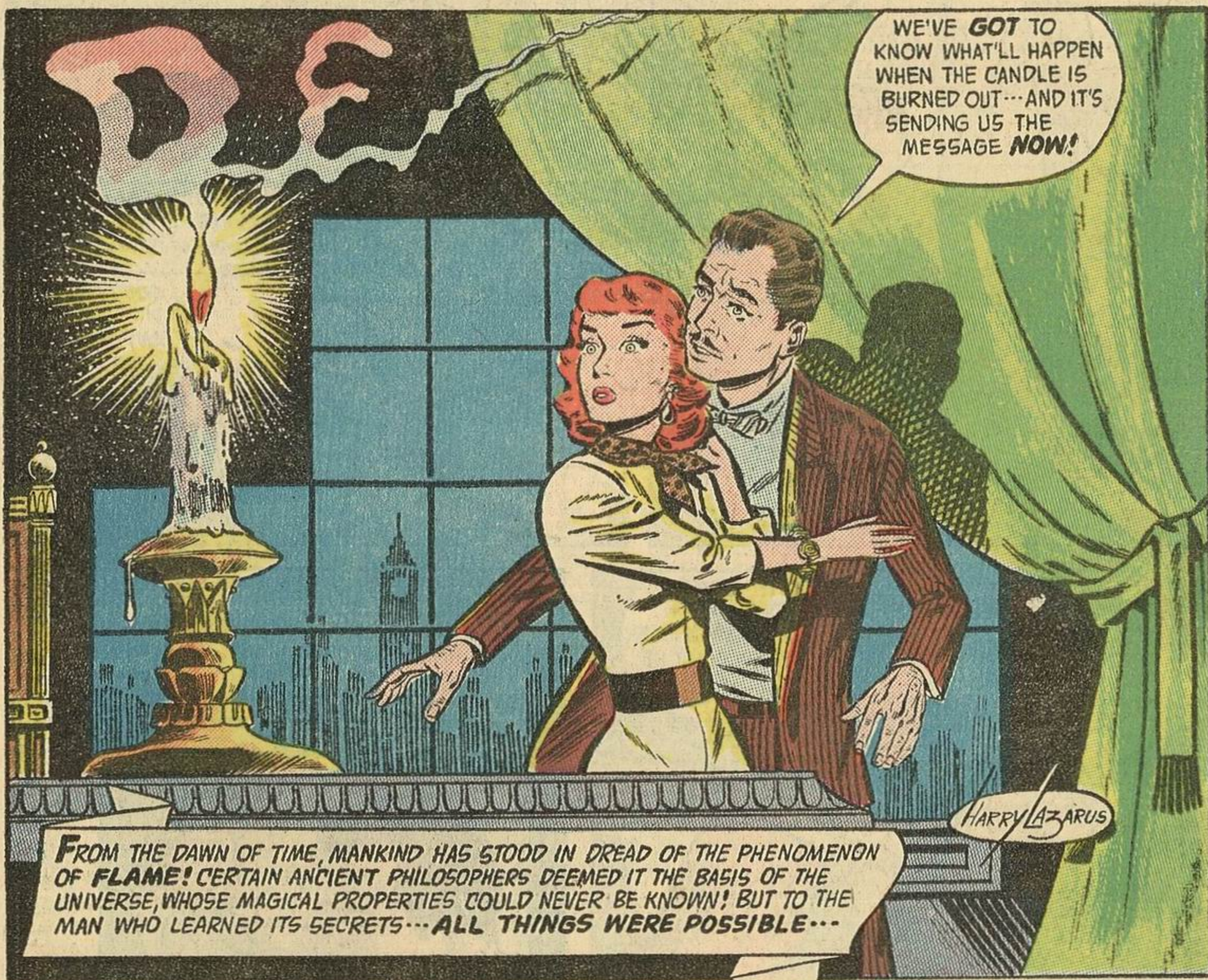
Congratulations on a fine story... "The Davy Crockett Mystery", in your December issue. It packed excitement aplenty...a darn sight more than "Stella and The Stranger", which appeared in the same book. You see, I can throw brickbats along with my bouquets!

...T. R. Blackett, Portland, Me."

We can take the bitter with the sweet! It's inevitable that some yarns are going to turn out better than others. But remember one thing...we've always striven for the best, and always will!



# OUT WENT *the* CANDLES!



FROM THE DAWN OF TIME, MANKIND HAS STOOD IN DREAD OF THE PHENOMENON OF **FLAME!** CERTAIN ANCIENT PHILOSOPHERS DEEMED IT THE BASIS OF THE UNIVERSE, WHOSE MAGICAL PROPERTIES COULD NEVER BE KNOWN! BUT TO THE MAN WHO LEARNED ITS SECRETS... **ALL THINGS WERE POSSIBLE...**

GEORGE HAGEN WAS AN ACCOUNTANT, JUST STARTING HIS CAREER...

WHAT DO YOU SAY WE CELEBRATE IN **STYLE** TONIGHT, SHRIMP? DON'T FORGET IT'S OUR **FIRST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!**

I'D LOVE TO, GEORGE... BUT WE **CAN'T AFFORD IT!**



WELL... HOW ABOUT A **MOVIE?**

HONESTLY, THAT'D SUIT ME AS MUCH AS A NIGHTCLUB **ANYTIME!**



FOR BOTH IT WAS A DIFFICULT TIME OF ADJUSTMENT, OF TRYING TO BANISH THEIR EVER-PRESENT DAYDREAMS...

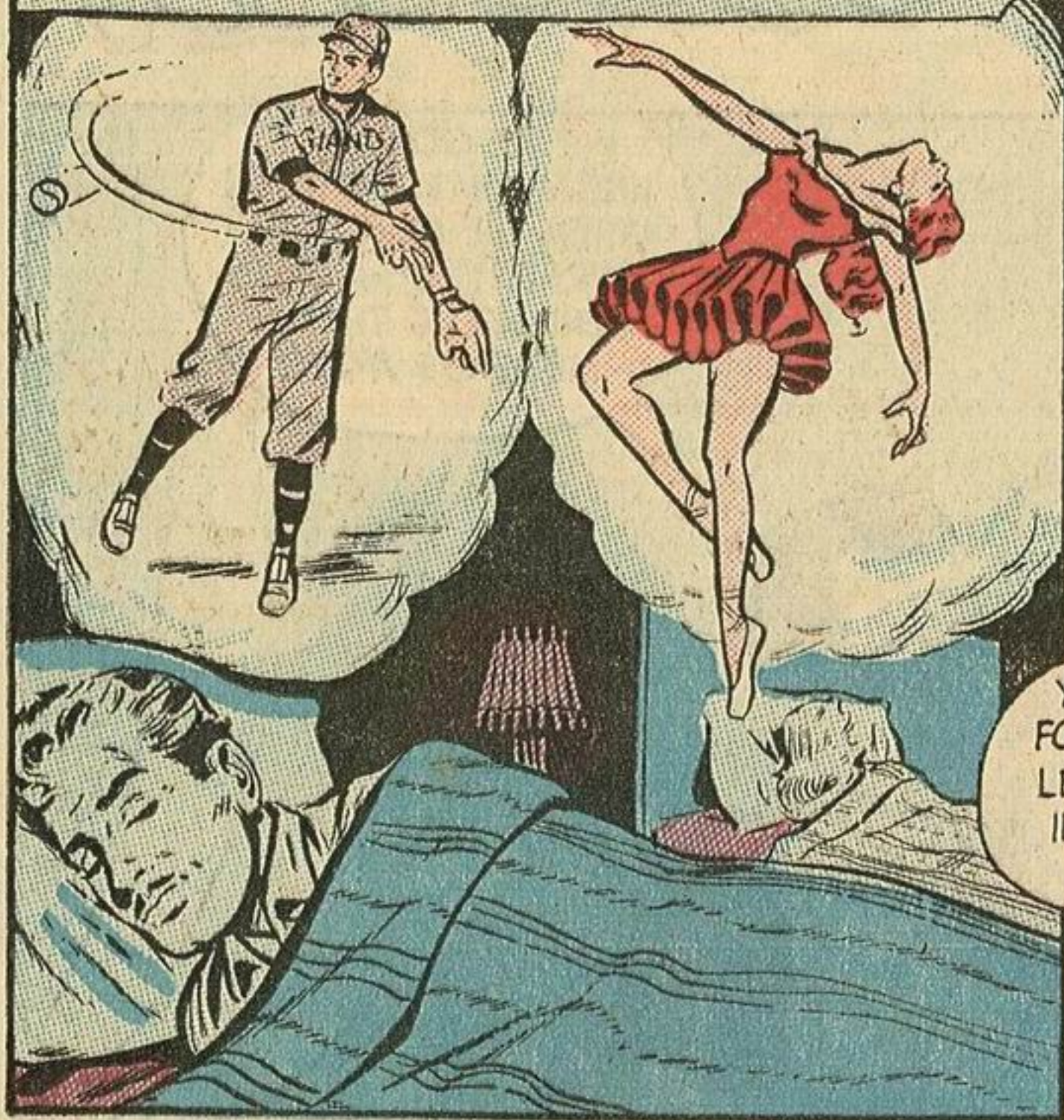
A CRUMMY MOVIE ON MY FIRST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY! WHY, IF ONLY I WAS A PITCHER FOR THE **GIANTS**, I'D...

FUNNY HOW LIFE WORKS OUT! I ALWAYS THOUGHT I'D BE A **GREAT BALLERINA...**





TO MEET THE PAYMENTS ON THEIR LITTLE HOUSE IN THE SUBURBS REQUIRED CONSTANT SCRIMPING AND SAVING...AND THOUGH BOTH KNEW THAT THEIR FANCIFUL HOPES WOULD NEVER COME TO PASS, THE HOPES PERSISTED...



ONE NIGHT GEORGE RETURNED FROM HIS OFFICE TO FIND HER IN TEARS...

I...I JUST LEARNED THAT UNCLE JOHN'S DEAD! POOR, DEAR UNCLE...THE LAWYER'S COMING TO SEE US TONIGHT!

I GUESS IT'S ABOUT THE **WILL**! I KNOW I SHOULDN'T BE THINKING ABOUT IT...BUT THIS COULD CHANGE OUR LIVES!

THE WHOLE QUESTION OF UNCLE JOHN HAD BEEN A SORE POINT BETWEEN THEM! A VERY WEALTHY BUT ECCENTRIC DOCTOR, HE HAD SPENT HIS WHOLE LIFE DOING CHARITABLE WORK IN INDIA, SENDING THEM A SKIMPY WEDDING GIFT...

YOUR UNCLE'S ENTIRE FORTUNE HAS BEEN LEFT TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, BUT HE HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO...

GOOD GRIEF! DIDN'T HE HAVE ANY REGARD FOR ALICE... HIS ONLY LIVING RELATIVE?

HIS FINAL TESTAMENT LEAVES YOU BOTH ONLY THIS PACKAGE! FRANKLY, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S IN IT!

TH-THANK YOU! I...I'M SURE MY UNCLE KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING...

WITH THE LAWYER GONE, GEORGE'S RAGE BURST FORTH...

THAT UNCLE OF YOURS **KNEW** HOW MUCH WE COULD USE THE MONEY! IT'S AS IF HE TOOK A PERVERSE DELIGHT...

IT...**IS** STRANGE! HE WAS ALWAYS SO **GOOD** TO ME!

FOR A SINGLE WILD MOMENT, EACH HOPED THAT THE PACKAGE MIGHT CONTAIN FABULOUS JEWELS, OR BLUE CHIP STOCKS, BUT...

**C-CANDLES?** WAS THE OLD BOY OUT OF HIS MIND?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND...I JUST **DON'T UNDERSTAND!**

THEY PLACED THE CANDLES IN STICKS, STARING AT THEM FOR A LONG TIME IN SILENT DISMAY! AT LAST...

LOOK, THEY DON'T EVEN **BURN!**

BUT THEY MUST HAVE **SOME PURPOSE!** UNCLE JOHN WAS A MYSTIC, ALWAYS STUDYING THE **OCCULT!** THOSE CANDLES CAN **DO** SOMETHING, AND I WISH I KNEW **WHAT!**



AT ALICE'S WORDS THE CANDLES SUDDENLY ERUPTED, STARTLING THEM WITH VIOLENT FRIGHT---



IN SILENT WONDER THEY WATCHED...THE MESSAGE WAS COMPLETE---



NEXT MOMENT---



WITH FRANTIC HASTE THEY COUNTED THE STACKED BILLS...THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT---



THE NIGHT WAS YOUNG, AND A GREAT CITY LAY WAITING TO HELP THEM CELEBRATE! THEY SPENT MONEY WILDLY---



IT WAS NEARLY DAWN WHEN THEY RETURNED TO THEIR HOME---





NEXT DAY THEY TOOK STOCK OF THE SITUATION...



AT A NEARBY BANK THEY RENTED A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX...



AT HOME, THE QUESTION WAS QUICKLY PUT TO A TEST...



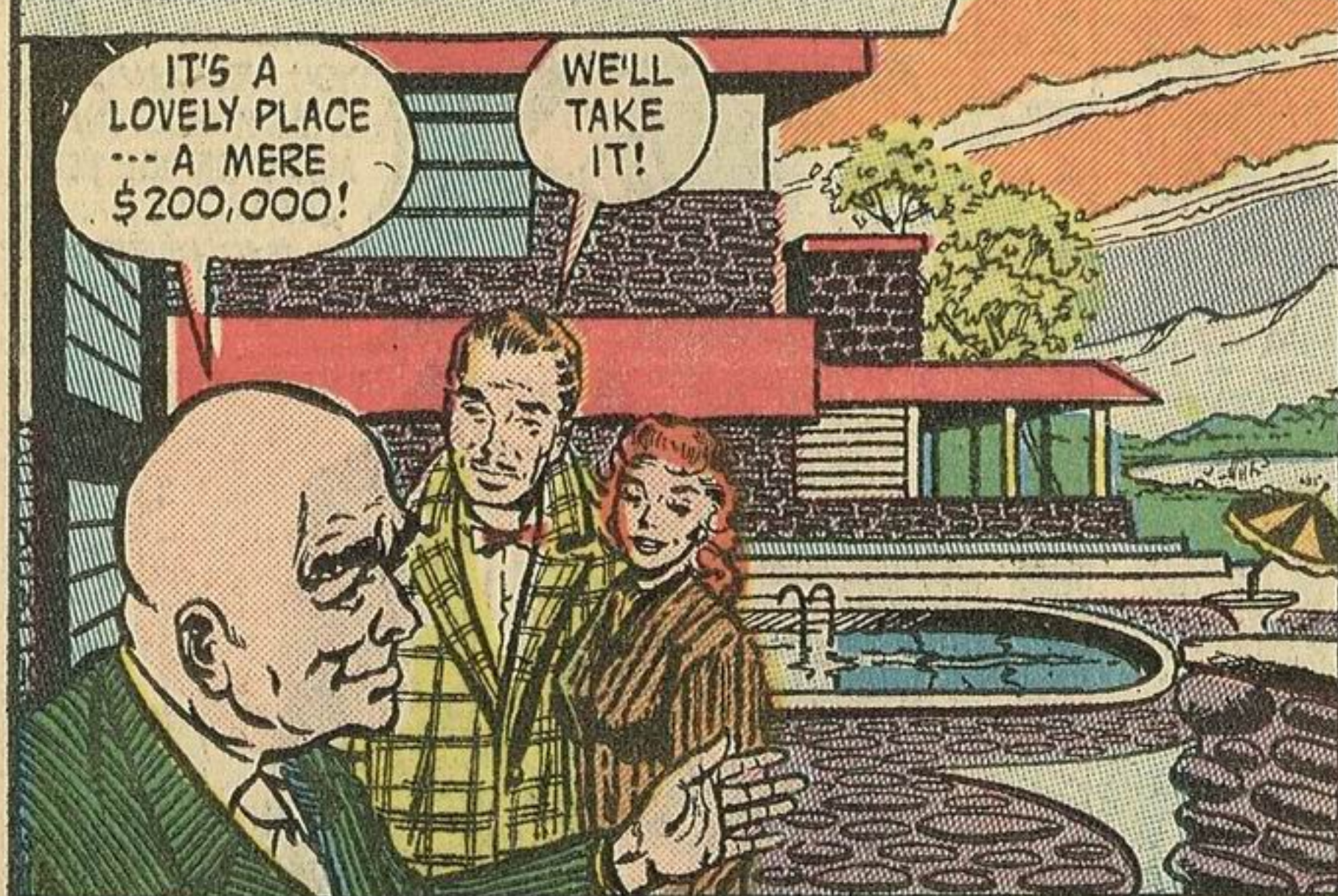
SHE FELT A WEIRD INNER SENSATION, CAUSING HER TO STRETCH VIGOROUSLY! THEN...



THE CANDLE IGNITED AND WENT OUT BY ITSELF, AS USUAL, AND IT WAS THEN THEY NOTICED THE CHANGE...



USING THE HALF MILLION IN CASH THEY HAD ON HAND, THEY PROCEEDED TO INDULGE EVERY WISH MONEY COULD GRATIFY...



THE LUXURIES WHICH VAST WEALTH COULD BRING WERE THEIRS, BUT WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS...





THAT NIGHT, AFTER THE WISH WAS MADE---

IT'S **BURNING**, ALL RIGHT... BUT I DON'T FEEL ANY **DIFFERENT!**

THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING! WE'LL CHECK UP TOMORROW!

**POUF!**



IN THE MORNING THEY CALLED UPON HER OLD DANCING MASTER, WHO HAD GIVEN HER UP AS HOPELESS YEARS BEFORE---

YOU WANT ME TO WATCH YOU PERFORM? BUT IT IS ABSURD, MY DEAR ALICE! YOU HAVE NO TALENT!

PLEASE, MAESTRO... GIVE ME A CHANCE!



RELUCTANTLY, IT WAS GRANTED! SHE CHANGED INTO HER BALLET COSTUME, AND COMMENCED TO DANCE! HER BODY FELT **WEIGHTLESS**,...**SUPPLE**...

WH-WHAT MAGIC IS **THIS?** CAN THIS BE THE HOPELESS PUPIL I ONCE HAD?



**MAGNIFICENT!** PAVLOVA HERSELF WAS NEVER BETTER! BUT HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

I...I CAN'T EXPLAIN, MAESTRO... BUT WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?



A **PHENOMENAL TALENT** HAD BURST UPON THE WORLD OF BALLET! ALICE WAS AN OVERNIGHT SENSATION, DAZZLING A DISTINGUISHED AUDIENCE FROM THE STAGE OF CARNEGIE HALL---

**SUPERB!** EASILY THE BEST IN THE WORLD!



A **SPECTACULAR PARTY** WAS HELD IN THE WALDORF ASTORIA AFTER THE PERFORMANCE, AT WHICH SHE WAS THE REIGNING QUEEN---

ALL THE CAPITALS OF THE WORLD WILL BE BEGGING TO SEE YOU... **PARIS, ROME, LONDON, MOSCOW!**

WELL, SHE'S HAD **HER DREAM** COME TRUE! WHY NOT **MINE?**



IN THE SMALL HOURS OF MORNING, THE PARTY DONE---

HONESTLY, GEORGE, THERE'S NO SENSE **WASTING** WISHES! THIS IS SO **CHILDISH!**

MAYBE IT'S **CHILDISH** TO YOU... BUT I'D RATHER BE A STAR PITCHER FOR THE GIANTS THAN **PRESIDENT!**





THE FOLLOWING DAY FOUND HIM IN AN OFFICE AT THE POLO GROUNDS...

BUT WE CAN'T JUST GIVE ANYBODY A TRYOUT!

I'LL PAY \$10,000 FOR A CHANCE! I KNOW I CAN MAKE THE TEAM!



FORTUNATELY, A MORNING BATTING PRACTICE HAD BEEN CALLED...

WHO'S THE NEW GUY PITCHING OVER THERE?

SOME CRACKPOT WITH DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR! BUT I HAD TO GIVE HIM A CHANCE, HE WAS SO SINCERE! LET'S SEE YOU BELT ONE OUT OF THE LOT ON HIM!



IT LOOKED LIKE A GOOD JOKE WAS IN THE MAKING, AN UNKNOWN FACING A MAJOR LEAGUE BALLPLAYER! BUT THERE WERE NO LAUGHS AS...

HOLY SMOKE! HE WHIFFED HIM!

MAN, THAT GUY'S FAST!



PLAYER AFTER PLAYER STRODE TO THE PLATE TO PUT THE NOVICE IN HIS PLACE, BUT EACH MET THE SAME FATE...

STRIKE THREE!



AND SO GEORGE WAS SIGNED TO A CONTRACT, AND MADE HIS FIRST START THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY BEFORE A PACKED STADIUM...

THAT GUY'S WALTER JOHNSON AND BOB FELLER ROLLED UP IN ONE!



THE FOLLOWING MONTHS SAW THEIR DREAMS OF GLORY COME TRUE! BUT ALICE'S TRIUMPHS TOOK HER TO THE CAPITALS OF THE WORLD, AND GEORGE'S EXPLOITS MEANT TRAVELLING THE MAJOR LEAGUE CIRCUIT...



IT MEANT THAT THEY SAW EACH OTHER RARELY, AND EXPERIENCED LONELINESS! OUT OF CURIOSITY, GEORGE HAD A BIT OF THE CANDLE'S TALLOW ANALYZED...

I'M AFRAID I CAN'T DUPLICATE IT... I CAN'T QUITE SAY WHAT IT IS! FURTHERMORE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT IT COULD BURN!

IMPOSSIBLE? DON'T BE SO SURE!



THREE MONTHS HAD PASSED SINCE THEIR LAST MEETING...

OH, DARLING, I'VE MISSED YOU SO!

SAME HERE! NOTHING'S ANY FUN WITHOUT YOU!





AT HOME THEY POURED OUT THEIR HEARTS...

I THOUGHT BEING A STAR PITCHER WOULD BE **EVERYTHING!** THE TRUTH IS, I DON'T EVEN **ENJOY** IT!

I KNOW **EXACTLY** WHAT YOU MEAN! IT'S NOT AS IF IT WAS A **REAL** ACHIEVEMENT ...LIKE MY BEING SUCH A GOOD COOK! REMEMBER, DEAREST?

THAT'S IT **EXACTLY**... I CAN'T TAKE **PRIDE** IN IT! YOU KNOW, I WISH WE WERE BOTH **16** AGAIN... THE NIGHT I FIRST MET YOU! WOULDN'T THAT BE FUN?

G-GEORGE... **LOOK!** YOU MADE A **WISH**... AND **NOTHING** HAPPENED!

YOU... YOU'RE RIGHT ...IT **DIDN'T OBEY!** THIS MEANS WE CAN'T TURN BACK THE CLOCK, OR REMAIN ETERNALLY YOUNG!

I... I WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN WHEN IT'S ALL BURNED OUT! SOMEHOW, IT FRIGHTENS ME! I WISH I HAD THE ANSWER TO THAT!

THE INSTANT THE WISH FELL FROM HER LIPS THE CANDLE SPUTTERED! THE FLAME SHOT UP, AND A SINGLE MENACING WORD WAS FORMED...

THAT'S WHAT'LL HAPPEN WHEN THE CANDLE'S GONE! WE'LL ... STOP LIVING...

THE ICY HAND OF FEAR CLUTCHED AT THEIR HEARTS AS THE CANDLE SUDDENLY WENT OUT...

THERE'S HARDLY ANYTHING LEFT! CANDLE, I WISH FOR YOU TO **GROW LONGER!** YOU HEARD MY WISH... **DO IT!**

IT... IT **WON'T!** SOME WISHES IT **WON'T OBEY!** GEORGE, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? EVERY WISH BRINGS US CLOSER TO THE **END!**

THERE'S NO NEED TO **PANIC!** REMEMBER THE CANDLE IN THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX? WE'VE STILL GOT **THAT**... AND A HALF MILLION IN CASH!

Y-YES, BUT I'M **AFRAID!** I HAVE THE MOST AWFUL PREMONITION OF **DISASTER!**

WITH A SINGLE IMPULSE, THEY HURRIED TO THE BANK AND TOOK THE BOX TO A PRIVATE ROOM...

THERE'S NOTHING TO **WORRY** ABOUT! WE'LL WISH FOR A **BILLION** DOLLARS AND CALL IT QUITS!

**OPEN** IT, GEORGE ... **OPEN** IT!

AN AWFUL SIGHT MET THEIR GAZE...

TH... THE **MONEY**... IT'S BURNED TO A CRISP!

AND THE **CANDLE** ... IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME SIZE AS THE OTHER ONE!



I UNDERSTAND IT ALL NOW! THE CANDLES ARE A **UNIT**... WHEN ONE BURNS... SO DOES THE **OTHER!** THAT'S HOW THE MONEY CAUGHT FIRE! OH, ALICE, WE'VE BEEN SUCH **FOOLS!**



THEY KNEW NOW THAT THE CANDLES CONSTITUTED A MORTAL THREAT TO THEIR LIVES, FOR HOW COULD THEY CONTROL ALL THEIR WISHES? AND EVEN ONE MORE MIGHT SPELL THEIR **DOOM!** TWO HOURS LATER...

WE'RE FOUR MILES OFF THE COAST, DARLING! DROP THOSE DIABOLICAL THINGS INTO THE SEA... WHERE THEY'LL **NEVER** BURN!

I... I FEEL IT'S NOT ENOUGH! WE'VE PLAYED WITH DANGEROUS FORCES... AND WE'VE GOT TO **MAKE AMENDS!**

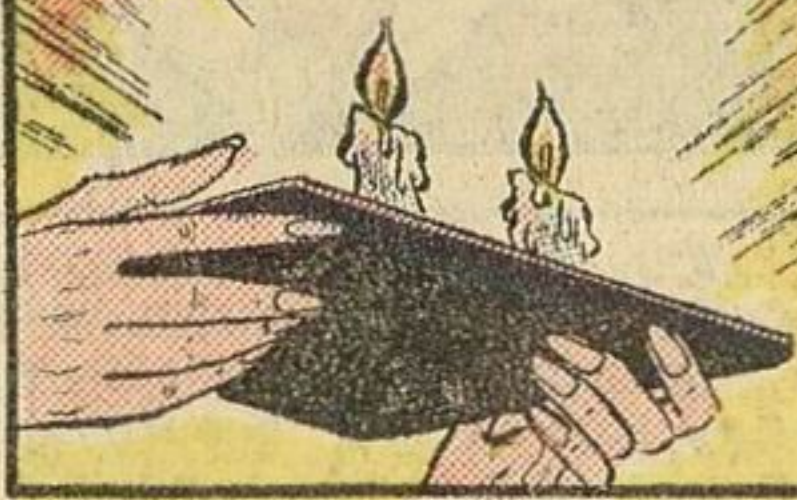


THE SPEEDBOAT IDLED ON THE BILLLOWING WAVES AS ALICE MADE HER FINAL WISH... TO HAVE **EVERYTHING** AS IT WAS BEFORE THEY'D SEEN THE CANDLES...

THEY'RE **BURNING!** THE WISH IS BEING GRANTED!

DROP THEM! FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

**POUF!**



ONLY A TRACE OF WICK AND TALLOW REMAINED AS SHE FLUNG THEM INTO THE SEA! THERE WAS A LOUD HISS...

THANK HEAVENS... THEY'RE **SINKING!** WE'RE **SAVED!**

YES, BUT WE'RE ALMOST BROKE! WE'VE SPENT OUR MONEY AS FAST AS WE GOT IT... ALL WE'VE GOT LEFT IS THE HOUSE!



BUT THEY WERE TO LEARN SOON ENOUGH THAT NOT EVEN THE HOUSE REMAINED, FOR WHEN THEY RETURNED...

**GREAT SCOTT, OUR HOUSE IS BURNING TO THE GROUND!**

MYSTERIOUS BLAZE, SIR... BROKE OUT AN HOUR AGO! NOT A **CHANCE** OF SAVING IT!



ALICE HAD LOST HER ABILITY TO DANCE, GEORGE COULDN'T PITCH ANY MORE... AND IT WAS ALL THEY COULD DO TO PUT A DOWN PAYMENT ON A LITTLE HOUSE WHEN GEORGE GOT HIS OLD JOB BACK! BUT TO THEIR AMAZEMENT, THEY FOUND THEMSELVES **VERY HAPPY!** WEEKS LATER, UNCLE JOHN'S LAWYER CALLED ON THEM AGAIN...

YOUR UNCLE ALSO LEFT YOU THIS **LETTER**... WHICH I WAS AUTHORIZED TO GIVE YOU SIX MONTHS TO THE DAY AFTER THE GIFT!



My Dear Ones:  
I am bequeathing you my dearest possession... **Wisdom!**  
The candles will have taught you that you must make your own way in the world, without outside help. True happiness comes from achieving things through your own effort, no matter how humble...  
 Lovingly,  
Uncle John

DEAR UNCLE JOHN... HE WAS SO **RIGHT!** WE'RE **MUCH** HAPPIER NOW THAN BEFORE! WE'VE GOT EACH OTHER... AND ALL OUR FOOLISH UNFULFILLED WISHES ARE DEAD AND BURIED!

THE OLD CODGER WAS A **GENIUS!** WE'RE GOING TO NAME OUR **FIRST SON** AFTER HIM!



The END!



# BURIED HISTORY!

ONE OF THE MOST FASCINATING SCIENCES IS SPELEOLOGY ---THE STUDY OF UNDERGROUND CAVES! TWO AMERICAN EXPLORERS RECENTLY BROUGHT BACK A STARTLING REPORT FROM SPAIN---

WE BETTER NOT GO TOO FAR DOWN---THE FOOTING IS INSECURE!

I ONLY WANT A QUICK LOOK BELOW!



THEY HAD REACHED THE FLOOR OF AN IMMENSE CAVERN WHEN AN OMINOUS RUMBLE SOUNDED BEHIND THEM---



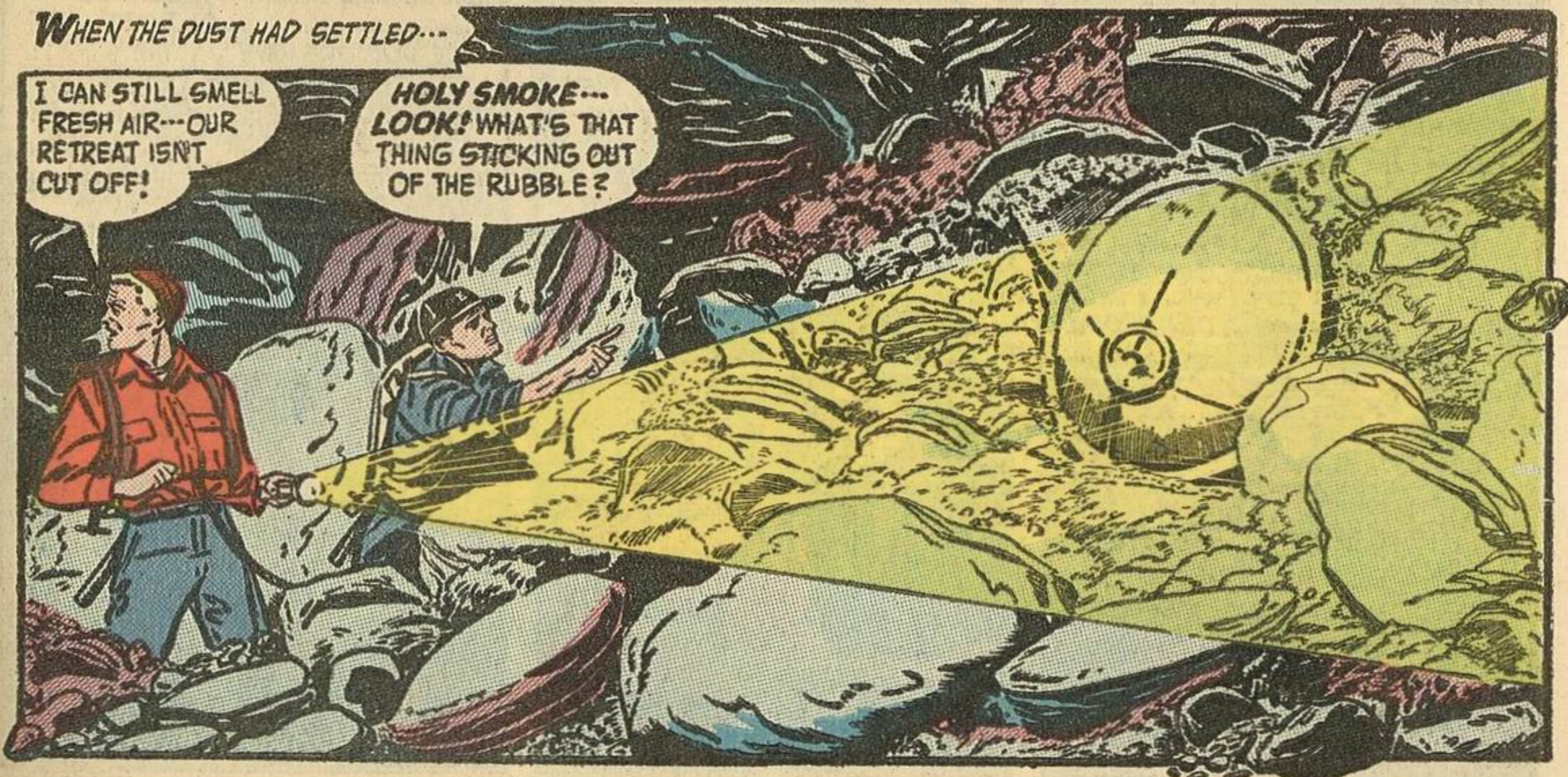
IN THE ENCLOSED EMPTINESS FAR BENEATH THE EARTH, THE GRATE OF EACH PEBBLE WAS LIKE THE CRASH OF A KETTLE DRUM---



WHEN THE DUST HAD SETTLED---

I CAN STILL SMELL FRESH AIR---OUR RETREAT ISN'T CUT OFF!

HOLY SMOKE--- LOOK! WHAT'S THAT THING STICKING OUT OF THE RUBBLE?





THEY DREW CLOSE, NOT QUITE BELIEVING WHAT WAS BEFORE THEIR EYES...

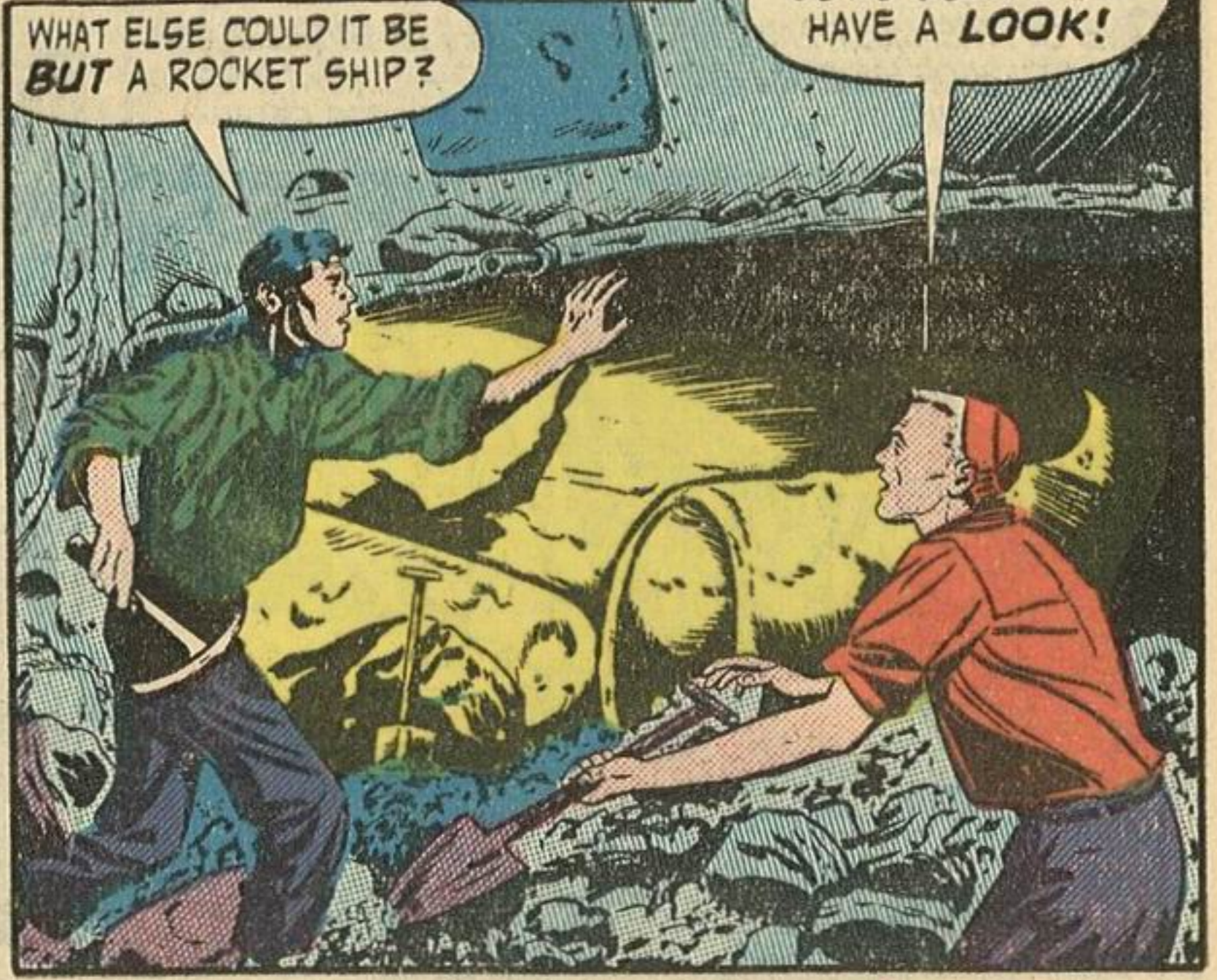


IT LOOKS LIKE... LIKE A **ROCKET SHIP!**

C'MON, LET'S **DIG!**

AFTER HOURS OF FEVERISH WORK...

WHAT ELSE COULD IT BE **BUT A ROCKET SHIP?**



THERE'S THE DOOR! LET'S BUST IN AND HAVE A **LOOK!**

SOMETHING WHICH LOOKED LIKE A ROCKET SHIP, BURIED DEEP BELOW THE EARTH! HOW HAD IT GOTTEN THERE...AND **WHEN?**



IT'S GIVING WAY! JUST A FEW MORE SMASHES!

**WHAM!**

THE RUINED DOOR CREAKED OPEN...AND INSIDE THE CRAFT...

LOOK...THE...THE **CREW!** DO YOU REALIZE WHAT WE'VE **FOUND?** THIS THING CAME FROM **OUTER SPACE!**



IT MUST HAVE HIT EARTH AT TERRIFIC SPEED AND BURIED ITSELF HUNDREDS OF FEET DOWN!

THE CREW OF THE ROCKET WHICH HAD MET DISASTER WERE RIGID IN THEIR SEATS...PRESERVED BY THE CONSTANT TEMPERATURE IN THE SEALED CABIN...



JUST LOOK AT THIS **EQUIPMENT!** THIS IS THE **FIND OF THE CENTURY!**

WE'D BETTER GO...WE'LL COME BACK WITH A PARTY OF **SPECIALISTS!**

I'LL TAKE THIS ALONG AS A **SOUVENIR!** MUST BE SOME SORT OF **COMPASS!**



I WONDER **WHEN** THEY LANDED! IT COULD HAVE BEEN A YEAR AGO...OR TEN **THOUSAND YEARS AGO!**

THE FULL IMPORT OF THEIR DISCOVERY NOW BECAME CLEAR...

ONCE DOCTORS HAVE A CHANCE TO **EXAMINE** THOSE PILOTS WE'LL HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT LIFE IS LIKE ON **OTHER PLANETS!**

THAT'S JUST THE START! NO TELLING WHAT SCIENCE WILL LEARN FROM ALL THOSE **INSTRUMENTS!**





THEY HAD ALMOST REACHED THE SAFETY OF THE UPPER CAVERN WHEN ANOTHER SLIDE STRUCK...



OH, NO! IT'S GOING TO COVER UP THE ROCKET!

BUT THERE WAS NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT NOW, FOR THEY HAD THEIR OWN LIVES TO SAVE! FRANTICALLY, THEY DASHED ALONG A NARROW CORRIDOR...



THAT SLIDE'S GETTING WORSE! IT'LL BURY THE WHOLE CAVE!

DON'T TALK... RUN!

WHEN THEY FINALLY REACHED THE SURFACE...

IT WAS **FOOLHARDY** TO TRY EXPLORING IN THIS AREA! IT'S LIKE QUICKSAND!



WAIT'LL YOU LEARN WHAT WE'VE **DISCOVERED!**

THE TWO MEN WERE KNOWN AS SOUND INVESTIGATORS, AND THEIR FANTASTIC STORY HAD TO BE LISTENED TO CAREFULLY...



...AND I TOOK **THIS** OUT OF THE CRAFT... I GUESS IT'S ONE OF THEIR FLYING INSTRUMENTS!

WE CAN CHECK YOUR STORY EASILY ENOUGH! **WE'LL DIG THAT ROCKET UP!**

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF GETTING AT THE ROCKET EXCEPT BY EXCAVATING! AND THE TASK WOULD REQUIRE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS...

IT'D BE LIKE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK! BESIDES, AS HEAD OF THIS FOUNDATION, I CAN'T **ALLOW** SO MUCH MONEY TO BE SPENT ON AN **UNCONFIRMED REPORT!**



BUT IT'S **TRUE, SIR... TRUE!**

THE "SOUVENIR" WAS TURNED OVER TO LAB TECHNICIANS FOR ANALYSIS...

DON'T KNOW WHAT ITS **PURPOSE** WAS, BUT A **CARBON 14** ANALYSIS PROVES IT'S **MILLIONS OF YEARS OLD!**



THAT MEANS THE ROCKET LANDED ON EARTH **MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO...** BEFORE THERE WERE HUMANS ON EARTH!

THE TWO MEN TRIED AGAIN AND AGAIN TO RAISE THE NECESSARY RESEARCH FUNDS... BUT ALWAYS WITHOUT SUCCESS...

WE'VE JUST GOT TO KEEP **TRYING...** WE CAN'T **ALLOW** OUR DISCOVERY TO REMAIN BURIED!



IS THERE A ROCKET BURIED SOMEWHERE IN SPAIN WHICH LANDED ON EARTH MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO... OR ARE TWO REPUTABLE SCIENTISTS PERPETRATING AN INCREDIBLE HOAX? WHAT'S YOUR OPINION, READER?

THE END!



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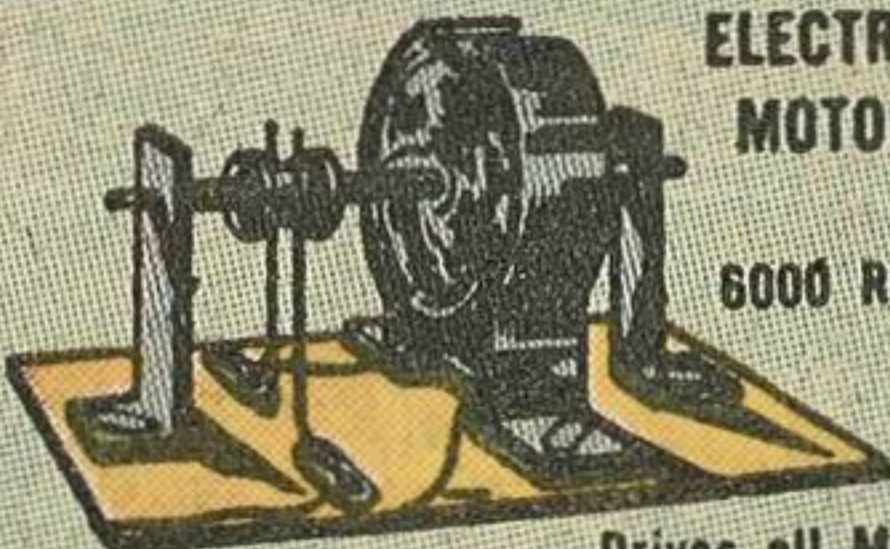
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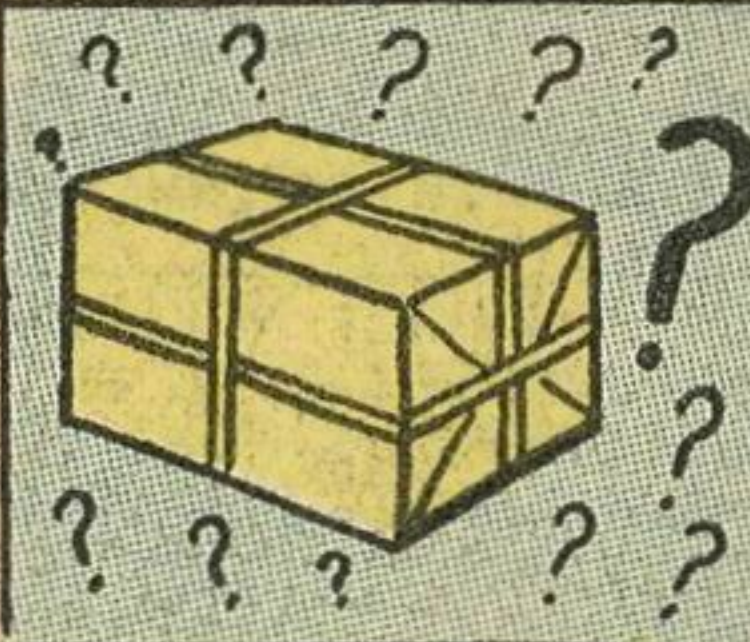


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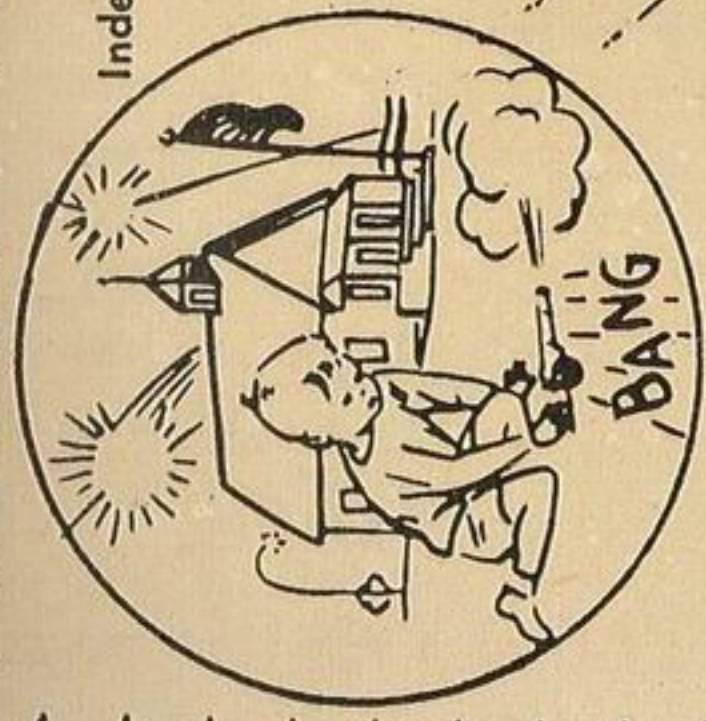
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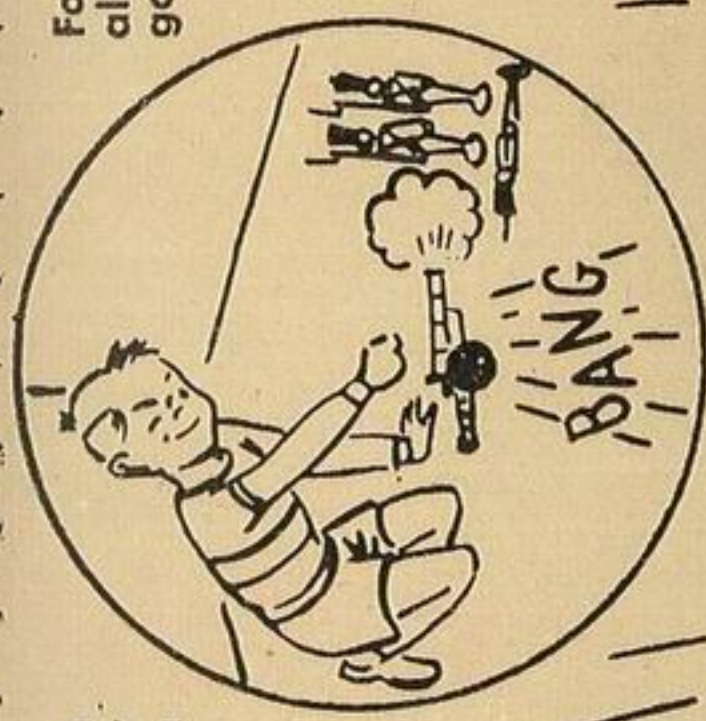
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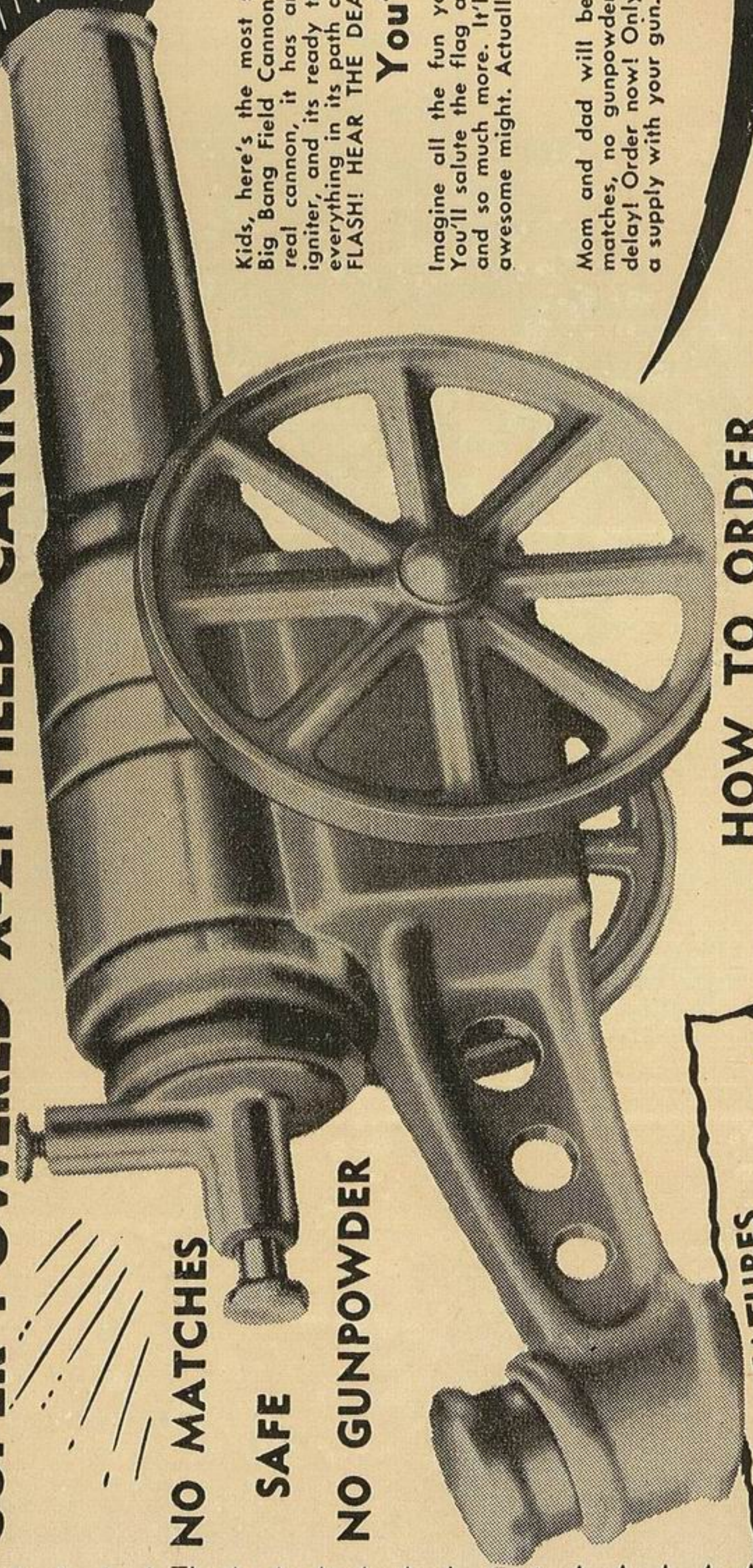
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